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FOREWORD



PRIME MINISTER

Several major religions have arisen in India. Their philosophical richness, the moral values they have inculcated, the great literature, art and sculpture they have inspired, and the myriad ways they have moulded the lives of the ordinary people have enabled our country to make substantial contribution to the sum total of human civilisation.

Jainism embodies deep investigations into the nature of Reality. It has given us the message of non-violence. It was born in the heart-land of India but its influence pervaded all parts of the country. Some of the earliest literature of the Tamil region, is of Jain origin. The great Jain temples and sculptured monuments of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan are world-renowned.

Some historians tend to classify the cultural and political development of India into water-tight religious groupings. But a little analysis will show that the evolution of Indian culture was by the union of many streams which make up the mighty river which it has become. "The Panorama of Jain Art" places the works, which are specifically Jain, in the context of the cultural growth of the area in which they developed and the country as a whole. This attractive book can be read with profit by scholars and those who have an eye for beauty and a love for India's unparalleled heritage.

Indira Gandhi
(Indira Gandhi)

New Delhi
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INTRODUCTION

When Bharatiya Jnanpith published its three volumes of 'Jaina Art and Architecture', the first one in November, 1974 to celebrate the 2500th year of Nirvana of Bhagwan Mahavir, under the inspiration of late Shri Shanti Prasad Jain, art historians and scholars were delighted to have for the first time, a succinct account of the genesis and development of Jain art through 300 BC to 1800 AD, covering regions, styles, and media in 1400 pages of masterly treatment, enriched by 720 illustrations, 50 of them in colour. It was a joint effort of about forty scholars, each writing on a given topic of his or her specialisation. The fact that it was edited by no less a scholar and master-editor than Shri A. Ghosh, former Director-General of Archaeological Survey of India, added to its authenticity and competence.

Just as the three Volumes of Jain Art and Architecture were inspired by the occasion of Bhagwan Mahavir's Nirvan Mahotsav, the planning of the Panorama of Jain Art owes its genesis to the auspicious celebrations of the Mahamastakabhisheka of Gommateshwara Bahubali, at Shravanabelgola, in Karnataka, marking, in Feb. 1981, the thousandth year of the Pratishthapana (installation) of the 57' high colossus by Chamundaraya, the Commander-in-Chief of the Ganga Kings.

The standards of technological achievements in the production of art books having galloped fast, more so in the intervening years, and the requirements of discerning and sophisticated readers having got adjusted to a new standard of taste, the Trustees of Bharatiya Jnanpith felt that full justice to the achievements of Jaina Art and Architecture, in the context of entire Indian Art, cannot be done unless these are presented very selectively in a superbly finished visual form with maximum amount of economy in words, without sacrificing the kernel of the theme of each illustration.

The project of publishing a series of Volumes aptly entitled 'Panorama of Jain Art' is born of that realisation.

It is a matter of highest gratification for us that Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, has graciously written a Foreword to this Volume. I must also recall with equal gratification that it was Smt. Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister of India, who released the first Volume of 'Jain Art & Architecture' in a mammoth gathering of Nirvan Mahotsav audience on 14th Nov. 1974.

Her perception of the greatness of Indian Art and Culture has been a matter of personal experience and involvement. She has imbibed the manifold richness of Indian art, and has seen for herself how our artistic heritage has influenced and continues to influence Indian life. Her word of appreciation of this project and of this Volume is a commendation which we greatly value. That she has managed to find time, amidst her onerous responsibilities, to write a Foreword, shows the measure of her vision of the essentials of life and assiduous discipline which she exercises over herself in the Yogic traditions of India.

Authorship of such a series is a highly specialised job which demands

scholarship, practical expertise and vision of an artist and a poet. It is India's pride that it is blessed with such a scholar of international repute in the person of Shri Sivaramamurti. His personal circumstances and commitments were all against his burdening himself with the responsibility of a grand project like this, which is completing its first milestone with the publication of this volume. This volume is written by him. His struggle was between the odds and the ends. The streak of self-abnegation enabled him to counter-balance the handicaps of fatigue and possible frustrations. No words are adequate enough to express our gratitude to Shri Sivaramamurti.

I am happy that Bennett Coleman & Company, the publishers of Times of India group of publications, under the inspiring Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, have decided to take over the project, with all the richness of talent, experience and resources at their command.

All the persons connected with the country-wide set up of All India Digamber Jain Mahasamiti, Delhi will, I am sure, feel happy as they would find in the publication of these volumes, the fulfilment of one of their cherished dreams. I owed it to this institution as its President also.

I can only hope that the highly artistic production of this book, for which no editorial pains or economic constraints of production have been spared, necessitating frequent replacement of transparencies until satisfaction was achieved, subjectwise and reproductionwise, will delight the scholars and connoisseurs who will treasure it as an acquisition to be perused and preserved. More volumes are to follow.

To conclude, I must give expression to the thought and the sentiments that have been uppermost in my mind. This project as well as many other preceding ones in the field of oriental research, Indian culture, literature and art have been the flowering of the vision, wisdom, dynamism and liberality of my younger brother, late Shanti Prasad Jain and his illustrious wife late Smt. Rama Jain. The achievements of their many-splendoured personalities continue to inspire all of us at the helm of Bharatiya Jnanpith and of the Times of India organisation. I am inscribing these lines as a dedication of this volume to their sacred memory.

SHRIYANS PRASAD JAIN

PREFACE

IT is a happy idea that occurred to the sponsors of these volumes of an album composing a panorama of Jain art to be superbly produced as a worthy tribute to the glory of Jain art in India. Shri Shriyans Prasad Jain bubbled with enthusiasm over this project. The ways and means of collecting the art material required for this purpose were thought of and discussed. This is a project with the entire sub-continent of India as its scope to be covered in appropriate volumes. Help rendered and resources made available by Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, Chairman of the Bennett, Coleman & Company Limited, went a long way in shaping the project as visualised.

Worship is the highest whether with flowers or by words uttered or written in praise of the Lord. Krishna himself has said '*Ye'pyanya-devatābhaktā yajante śraddhayānvitāḥ, te'pi mām eva Kaunteya yajantya vidhupūrvakam*' those that worship lovingly other deities than myself with ardour also do worship me alone, though only in some other form, *Bhagavadgītā*, 9,23. The glory of the forms of the Lord alone is sung in one form or another. Krishna himself according to Jainism is the future Tīrthaṅkara. I have only contemplated on the Lord in another form as I wrote this book in the spirit of an offering of worship. I am grateful for this opportunity given me to ruminate on celestial glory that takes us beyond the mundane.

This volume pertaining to south India was planned as the first, so that it could coincide with the celebrations of the millennium of the creation of the glorious monolith of Bāhubali at Śravanabelagola, the *mastakābhisheka* of which was performed as a symbol of the devotional celebrations of one thousand years of the existence of so great a monument.

Human endeavour being what it is, time fleeting and elusive, and not so amenable to the grasp of a chosen date, it is still indeed a satisfaction that this book is now being issued almost as close to the date originally thought of as possible. The production of a good book necessarily reckons time, attention, dedication and purposeful endeavour. I am grateful to Shri Shriyans Prasad Jain for inviting me to write this book. As President of Bharatiya Jnanpith his constant endeavour is, as that of Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, the Managing Trustee, to contribute handsomely to the cultural efforts like the present one. All India Digambar Jain Mahasamiti will see into this publication an offering worthy of its efforts to make the occasion of the *Mahāmastakābhisheka* celebrations a grand success.

The project, *Panorama of Jain Art*, as a series of publications, profuse in colour and monochrome of plates of quality material is, in a way, a sequel to the three-volume comprehensive survey entitled *Jaina Art and Architecture* published by Bharatiya Jnanpith as an homage to Lord Mahāvīra whose 2500th year of *nirvāna* was celebrated under the presidentship of the noted industrialist and a patron of culture and art, late Shri Shanti Prasad Jain. When I contributed to those volumes I remembered my friend late Babu Chhotelal Jain who dreamt of publication of such superb volumes.

I cannot adequately express how indebted I feel to Dr Ram S Tarneja and Shri Ramesh Chandra for bringing in Shri K L Nandan with his dynamism for expedition in the production of this book through colour transparencies and photos. The assistance of Shri Gopi Lal Amar has also been helpful. Shri J.K. Beri's technical excellence in the production of the book has been effective. I am glad to express how happy it was to discuss with Shri Ramesh Sanzgiri the selection and layout of illustrations in the book, as he has stressed on its aesthetic appeal.

With so much on hand including the volumes of Indian Art for the *Storia Universale Dell'Arte* (Encyclopaedia of World Art), and the several university lectures that are being published as separate monographs, all simultaneously by a strange coincidence, and my health itself being unfortunately in a rather indifferent state this year, I am grateful to Shri Gurcharan Singh Bagga who has unfailingly cooperated with me in adjusting his time to mine as far as possible to see that expedition in my preparation of the text was not lost.

The National Museum, the Archaeological Survey, the Prince of Wales Museum, the Madras Museum, the Bangalore Museum, the Hyderabad Museum and several colleagues from different areas of our country and abroad have as usual suffused me with their affection by immediate attention to my requests whenever I hurriedly required one photo or the other.

I am delighted that the press, chosen is wonderfully equipped and devotedly dedicated to aesthetic perfection, has produced the book in a manner worthy of what it should be, to make the dream of the sponsors, the author, readers—scholars and laymen alike, a complete realisation. Produced so early in the year, I should consider it the first bloom of the flowers of the spring of 1983 yet to be born. I exclaim with joy that a good thing well planned has been excellently accomplished. This indeed gives me no less joy than what it should be offering to the sponsors themselves. I hope the world of connoisseurs and lovers of art would welcome this beautifully produced book, sumptuous in its illustrations, kaleidoscopic in colour and monochrome.

New Delhi
5th January 1983

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THIS pair of feet of Bhadrabāhu was carved as for the worship of his disciples who journeyed South with him and the Mauryan emperor Chandragupta. Though anachronistic its importance is nevertheless unimpaired. The feet have ever represented in India the highest reverence for the deity or the teacher whose grace is believed to emanate from those very limbs. That is why Muka, the poet has a century of verses on the lotus feet of Devī, *Pādāravinda-sataka*. The feet of Vishnu as Trivikrama are famous. In fact the feet represent Vishnu symbolically. The raised foot of Natarāja to which he points with his *dandahasta* suggests liberation to the devotee by its adoration. Vishnu's hand as Varadarāja's pointing to his foot suggests emancipation assured by the adoration of his feet. The feet of Vishnu symbolise Purushottama, the noblest of *Purushas*. The ideal ruler is to be that by protecting the world. It is interesting that in far off Indonesia there is a representation of a pair of feet as well as the footprint of a large state elephant and an inscription in early fourth century Grantha characters of the Pallava type from south India giving out that these are the footprints of the victorious ruler Pūrnavarman, the lord of the city Tārumā, resembling the feet of Vishnu himself. The stately foot of the elephant is to add lustre to the glory of the royal prosperity of the king.

In the earliest symbolic representations of Buddha, the feet suggest his presence, whether the child is born from the side of Māyā and received on a silken garment by Śakra, or whether he is seated under the Bodhi tree for enlightenment, or on the *vajra* throne for preaching, or whether he descends from heaven by the jewelled ladder after preaching to his mother his great *dharma*. The feet represent him in his earliest form. The anthropomorphic form arises later.

1. Nāgarāja protecting Parśvanātha with his hoods, Dharanendra and Padmavati flanking as attendants. Pāndya 8th century A.D., Kalugumalai Tirunelveli district.

This is one of the finest examples of an aesthetic version of the theme in a large imposing rock-cut panel chiselled on a boulder.

2. Feet of Bhadrabāhu, Western Ganga, 9th-10th century A.D., Sravanabelagola.

Of all the limbs the feet are always chosen as the most important object of worship.

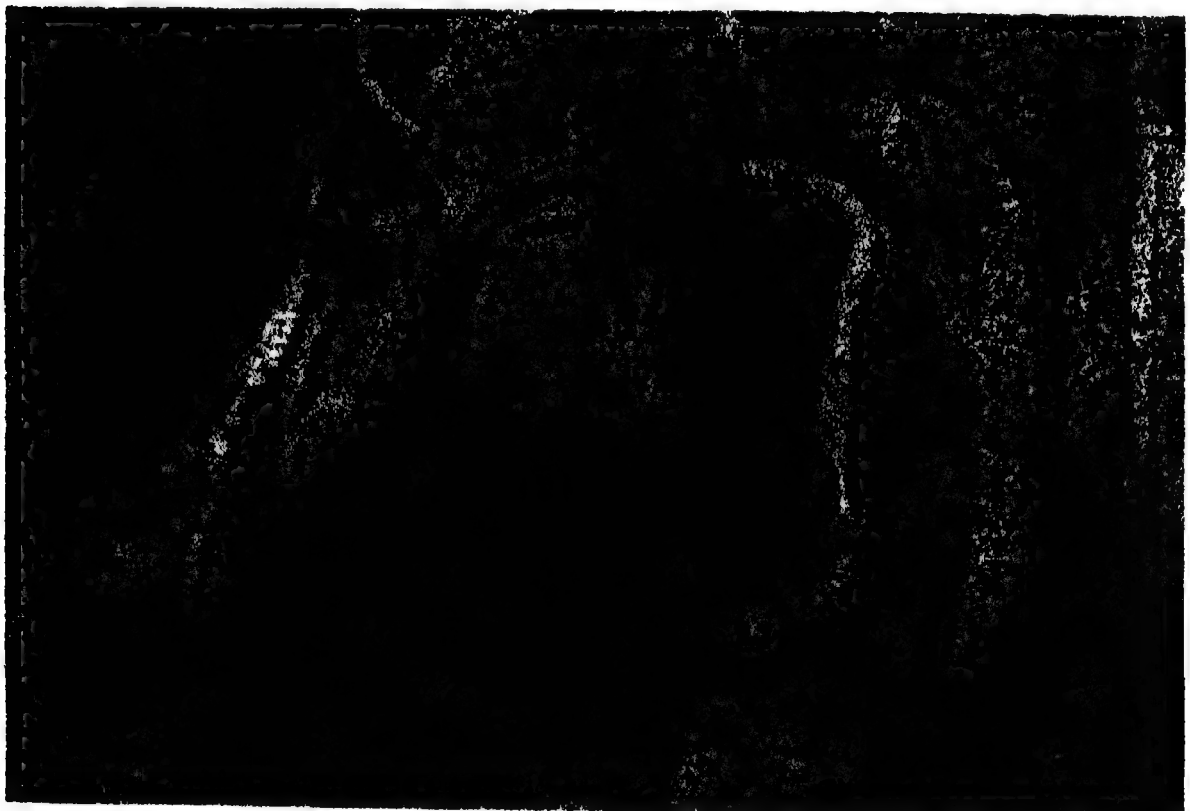
Similarly golden lotuses spring up to receive the feet of Buddha as he walks seven steps as a little child just born to declare that this was to be his last birth when he would attain supreme knowledge and attain *nirvāna*. In the case of the Tīrthaṅkaras also golden lotuses arise to receive their steps as they walk. The feet of the Tīrthaṅkaras are equally worshipped with reverence, and a pair of feet in Hampi represent Pārśvanātha's kindness to the snake that he saved from annihilation, which out of gratitude in his birth as Dharanendra Yaksha canopied him with his hoods and protected him from Kamatha. The feet are here shown in opposite directions to suggest that he could see in all directions like Gautama, the *rishi* who had eyes even in his feet. The *kevala-jñāna* of Tīrthaṅkara that transcends the highest of any other knowledge and is the acme of perfection, is thereby suggested as facing and taking into account everything all around. The gratitude of the snake is but natural in an innocent reptile. It is a rare indication of how nothing is too insignificant to escape the attention, compassion and mercy of the highest lord, the Tīrthaṅkara, who could save the snake, *nāga* like Vishnu as Gajendramokshada who could come from heaven on high to save a mere animal *nāga*, in this case an elephant.

The feet mean so much in Indian thought and literature that Kālidāsa can very well say that as Bharata bowed at the feet of Sītā as she returned home to Ayodhyā by the aerial car, the touch of her feet, pure by spurning the passionate advances of Rāvana, purified the locks of Bharata, turned coarse by asceticism, closely resembling those of his elder-born Rāma, which, in turn, purified by their own ascetic glory, even the feet of Sītā herself, *Raghuvamśa*, 13,78. The peak of devotion to the feet of the highest and the greatest culminated in one of the most magnificent bronzes, a unique one of the early Vijayanagara period, of Bharata holding the *pādukās* of Rāma on his head, a treasure of art now in the National Museum.

The feet of Bhadrabāhu in Śravanabelagola mark the spread of Jainism in south India.

3. Feet of Pārśvanātha,
Rāshtrakūṭa, 10th century
A.D., Hampi

With snake around, the feet themselves in impossible opposite directions suggest Pārśvanātha's omniscience and importance, as the eyes on the feet of the sage Gautama and the eyes on the palms of Avalokiteśvara their omniscience.



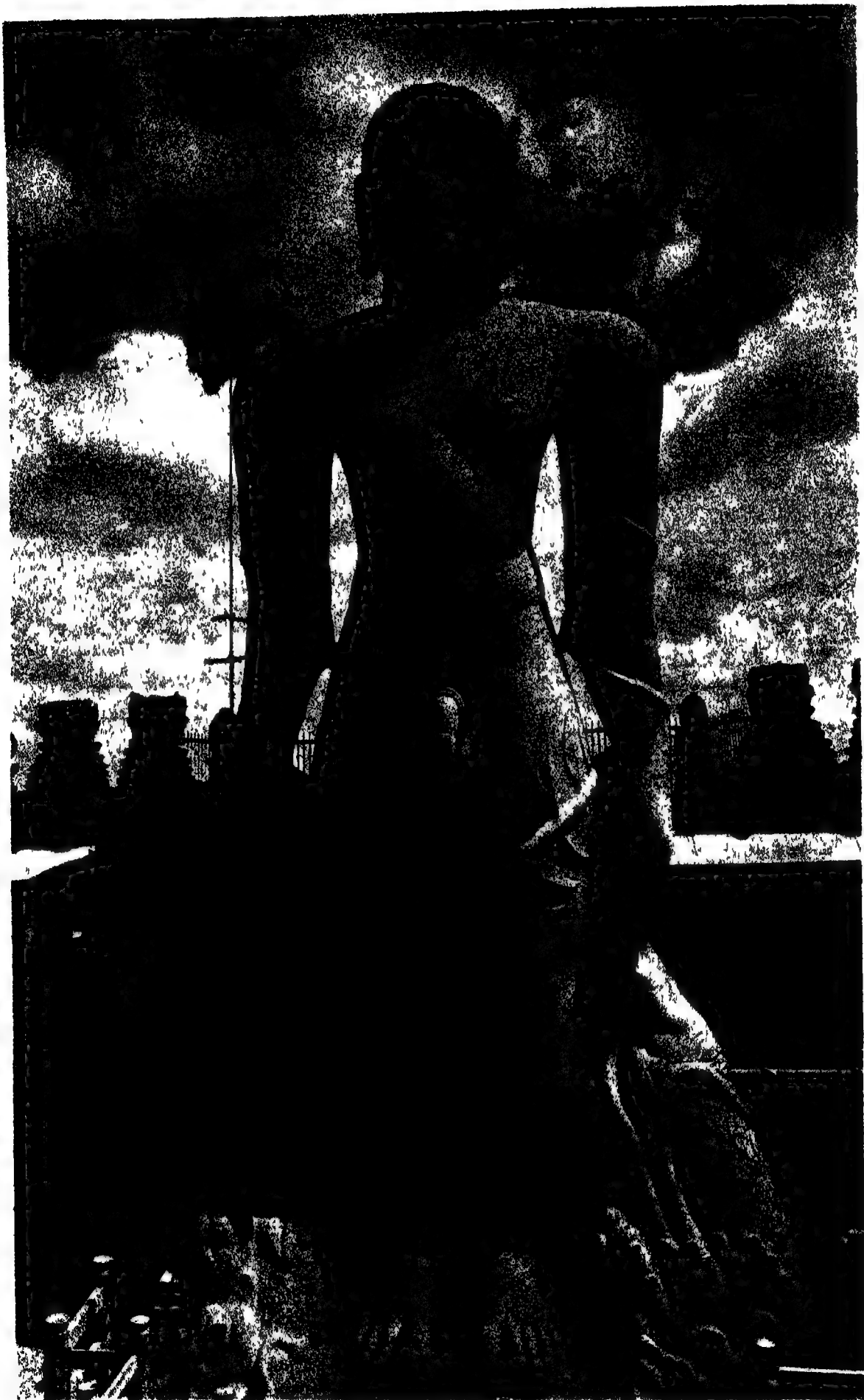
4. Buddha's feet, adored by worshippers, Amarāvati, Sātavāhana, 150 A D , Govt Museum, Madras

At this stage Buddha is also represented in human form, yet the feet as his symbols continue to be favoured



5. Bharata carrying the pādukās of Rāma on his head, Vijayanagara, 15th century A D , probably Tañjāvur district, National Museum, New Delhi

Both in the Hindu version and the Buddhist Jātaka the pādukās are significantly mentioned





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6. Bāhubali, Western Ganga, 10th century A D , Sravanabelagola

An imposing colossus of rare beauty, probably the greatest masterpiece of the Western Ganga school, prepared with devotion at the instance of Chāmundarāya, the general of Mārasimha, the Ganga king

7. Memorial stone depicting the passing away of Nitimārga, Western Ganga, 10th century A D , Bangalore Museum

A remarkable large portrait sculpture following the tradition of the setting up of memorial stones for the distinguished dead

8. Bāhubali, back view

South India has been a great seat of the Digambara Jain faith. Tradition has it that the Mauryan emperor Chandragupta journeyed to the South towards the end of his life in the company of his *guru* Bhadrabāhu, some time before 297 B C. Kālakāchārya of the Śvetāmbara sect was received in the court of the Sātavāhana king ruling at that time in Pratishthāna (Paithān) in about the first century B C. The Digambara monk Viśākhaachārya, with a number of followers, chose to go to the South in the area of the Cholas and the Pāṇdyas. It was Kundakundāchārya, himself from south India, the first in all the genealogies of the Jainas, as attested by literary works in Tamil like *Maṇimekalai* and *Śilappadikāram*, that spread this faith further. It was mainly in the Pallava court of Kāñchīpuram and the Pāṇḍyan in Madurai that Jainism had its heyday. Mahendravarman I, the famous art-minded Pallava king and Nīrasiṁ Neḍumāraṇ, Kūṇ Pāṇḍya as he was known, that were responsible mostly for the strong roots of Jainism in the South. Kāñchīpuram is very well known as one of the four *vidyāsthānas*, *chatus-simhāsanas* as they are known, great seats of learning. Three of them happen to be in the South, Kāñchīpuram in Tamil Nāḍu, Kolhāpura in Mahārāshṭra and Penukoṇḍa in Āndhra Pradesh. It is well known that Kāñchī was already a great seat of a university, *ghaṇṭikā*, and that is how it was best known as the one great city from the South to the famous grammarian Patañjali who mentions it in his *Mahābhāṣya* even in the second century B C. The whole of the South, particularly Karṇāṭaka and Tamil Nāḍu, had great dynasties often dedicated to Jainism in the career of each. Thus, we know of monarchs of the Pallava, Pāṇḍya, Western Chālukya, Gaṅga, Rāshṭrakūṭa, Kalachuri and Hoysala royal families devoted to Jainism and its spread. There were also kings who were most tolerant in their religious opinions and could,

like Kanishka support with ardour several faiths equally. The early Kadamba sovereigns of Banavāsī like Kākutsthavarman, Mrigeśavarman, Ravivarman and Harivarman had a great eclectic spirit. Among the Western Chālukyas, Jayasīṃha I, the very first sovereign in the dynasty, patronised Jaina *āchāryas* like Guṇachandra, Vasuchandra and Vādirāja. The famous inscription at Aihole of the time of Puḷakeśin II shows how he patronised Ravikīrti, the Jaina poet who composed the inscription. His father Kīrtivarman had made endowments to Jaina temples like his father Puḷakeśin I. Jayasīṃha II and Vinayāditya of the same dynasty had spiritual advisers in Jaina *āchāryas*. Vijayāditya's son Vikramāditya also took keen interest in renovation of Jaina temples.

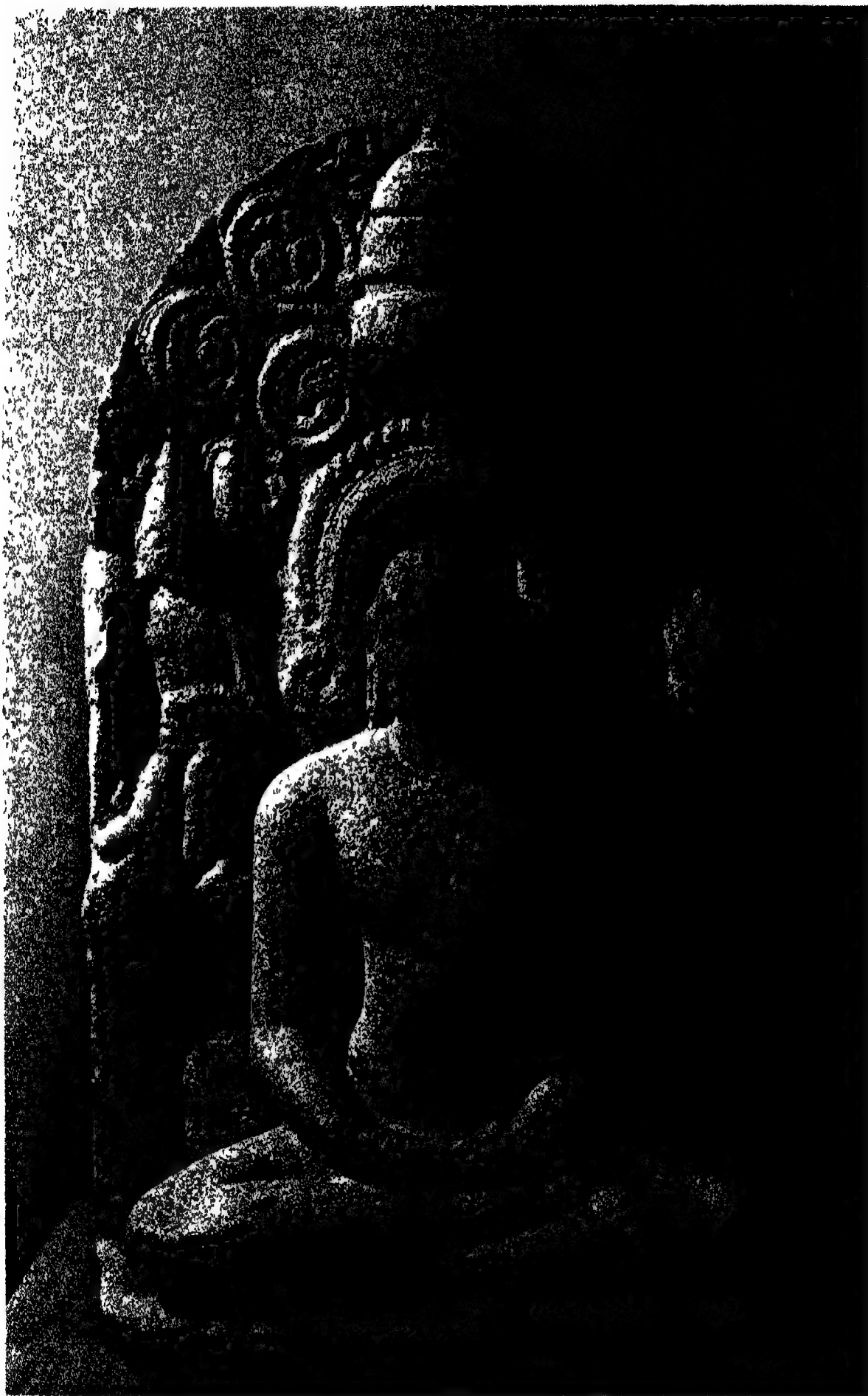
The Western Gaṅgas, who made Jainism almost the religion of their state, were great patrons of Jaina teachers, Śimhanandin revered by Koṅṇuivarman who commenced the line. Chāmundaṛāya, the general of Mārasīṃha, the Gaṅga king, was the architect of the great colossus of Śṛavanabeḷagoḷa, the unique sculpture of Bāhubali that is probably the one great example of Gaṅga art if one were to choose a single example to represent that phase of art itself. Nītimārga, whose passing away is represented in a memorial stone now in the Bangalore Museum, is thus a living personality through the visual impact of art as given in that sculpture. His father Rājamalla was responsible for the cave at Vallimalai in North Arcot district.

The best known patron of Jainism among the Rāshtrakūṭas was Amoghavarsha I who ruled in the ninth century. His father Govinda whose faith was different, was yet very liberal towards Jainism. Amoghavarsha I was a devoted disciple of Jinasena, the preceptor of Guṇabhadra who wrote the Jaina *Harivaṃśa*. Amoghavarsha II patronised the composition of many Jaina works like *Harivaṃśa*, *Ādipurāṇa*, *Uttarapurāṇa*, *Akalanḥkacharita*, *Jayadhavalātīkā*. Amoghavarsha himself is believed to have written the book on morals *Prāśnottara-ratna-māhikā*. The Rāshtrakūṭas on the whole were very favourably disposed and helped Jainism immensely.

Among the later Chālukyas of Kalyāṇī who were devoted to Śaivism, and were rather cold in their approach to the Jainas, bordering even on persecution, Āhavamalla Someśvara, seems to have been a patron, as the inscription at Śṛavanabeḷagoḷa mentions his award of a title *Śabda-chaturmukha* to a Jaina teacher.

It is generally supposed that the Cholas were very cool towards Jainism and that one of them being fanatically Śaiva could even drive out Rāmānuja from his realm so that he sought refuge in the realm of Bittiga, the Hoysala Jaina sovereign, whom he converted to the Vaishnava faith. But this is not to be taken as the picture of the attitude of the Cholas towards other religions. There are explicit inscriptions of Rājārāja I from Tiruppānmalai mentioning the immunity from taxes and dues from land in the enjoyment of the Jaina temple there *iraiyili-pallich-chandam*. We learn from the Udayendiram plates of Hastimalla that the *pallich-chandam* of the Digambara Jainas comprised of the two *paṭṭis* of land specially excluded from the gift of the village of Kadaḷkoṭṭūr made in the reign of an earlier king, Parāntaka I. In the time of a Rājakesarin about this time at Śīramūr is a record of provision of a lamp in the *mandapa* of the temple of Pārśvanātha. On a boulder at Ānandamaṅgalam there is a line engraved near a group of Jaina figures providing for the daily feeding of an *adigaḷ* or master in the Jinagrippalli, which is dated 945 A.D. in the time of Parāntaka I. Similarly in the seventeenth year of Rājārāja two lamps were endowed in the large monastery *pallich-chandam* in South Arcot district. Kundavai the elder sister of Rājārāja, built the Jaina

9. Tirthankara seated in *padmāsana*, Chola, 9th-10th century A.D., South Arcot district, Govt Museum, Madras
Typical of the period



temple at Tirumalavāḍi. She was most noble in her religious approach as seen in the inscription from Dādāpuram which mentions that she built three temples there, one for Śiva, her chosen family deity, one for Viṣṇu and a third one a Jaina. In Tirupparuttikkunṇam, there are inscriptions of Kulottuṅga, of the time of Vikramachola and others. It is very clear that the Cholas treated other religions with a broad and catholic spirit. Some of them like Kundavaḷ, themselves deeply devoted to Śiva, specially built or endowed temples of other faiths. The attitude of Kulottuṅga in driving out Rāmānuja from the realm was so abhorred that he has been specially remembered with horror as *krūṇi-kaṇṭha* or putrid neck. It is probably this attitude of intolerance protested by the ruled that almost accounts for the loss of life of the last sovereign of the family of Vijayālaya, Adhirājendra, in a popular revolt.

It has to be said to the credit of Tribhuvanamalla Bijjala, the Kalachurya king of the twelfth century, that he braved even death in rejecting the evil advice of Basava, the founder of the Lingāyata faith to persecute the Jainas, which having fallen on deaf ears, his life itself was not only in jeopardy but actually he was murdered.

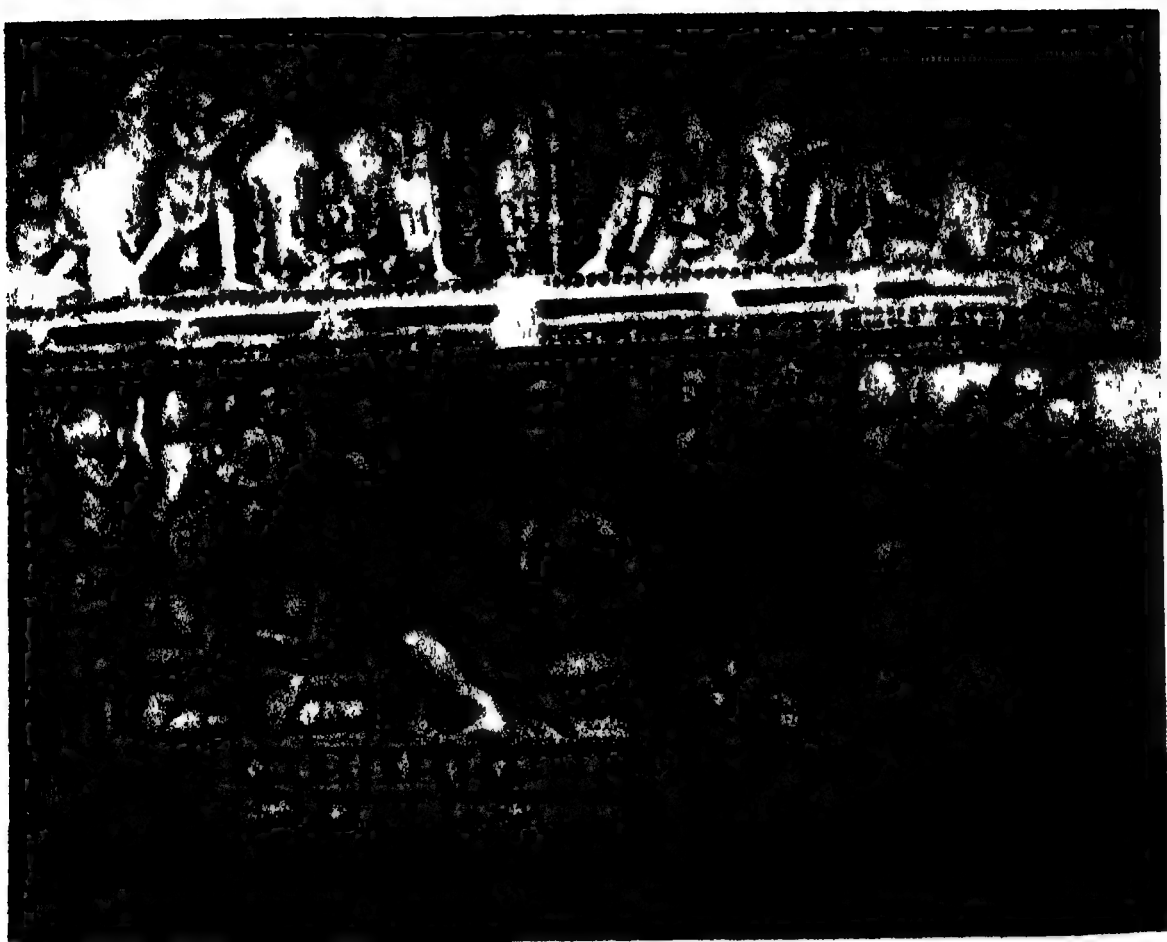
Among the Hoysala kings Vishnuvardhana, originally a disciple of Prabhāchandra, embraced Vaishnavism, though his queen Śāntalādevī, a remarkable scholar with a high aesthetic taste, continued to be a Jaina, though so tolerant in her outlook as to help whole-heartedly her husband in his great temple building, artistic and devotional activity. Vishnuvardhana continued a favourable attitude towards Jainism as well, as he freely endowed several Jaina temples. Among his successors like Narasiṃha and Vīra Ballāla, Vaishnavite by faith, the desire to help to build and protect Jaina temples continued.

The Vijayanagara monarchs had the largest empire in the South after the Sātavāhanas and the Vākāṭakas and to an extent after the Chālukyas and the more powerful Rāshtrakūṭas. Though the Vijayanagara empire itself owed its origin to the blessing of Vidyāranya, it has to be said to the credit of Bukka I, that he created an amicable atmosphere by bringing together in friendship the devotees of Jaina and Vaishnava faiths. This is an indication of the attitude of the Vijayanagara sovereigns towards other religions in general, and the Jaina and Vaishnava faith in particular. The queen of Deva Rāya I, Bīmadevī, was the disciple of a Jaina *āchārya* Abhinava Chārukīrti Panditāchārya. The general of Bukka II was a Jaina by faith and Krishna Deva Rāya himself, the greatest emperor of the Vijayanagara royal family, endowed in 1517 the Vardhamāna temple at Tirupparuttikkunṇam.

It has been a continuous story of active support with ardour, a generous spirit of toleration and eclectic approach, with here and there an occasional fanaticism, resulting in persecution, the episodes of which are completely eclipsed by the greater spirit of loving approach towards every faith in the highest spirit of *dharma* that has prevailed from the time of even Aśoka as seen in his edicts themselves where Śramanas and Brāhmaṇas are mentioned together with reverence.

Against this background of history has to be studied the spread of Jainism in the South which has contributed in no small measure great monuments that speak eloquently of the aesthetic taste of the patrons and the architects who constructed the embellished habitation of their deities and the deities themselves in all the glory of divine form which the vision of art could vouchsafe for the chisel and the brush or the mould for molten metal. If these great monuments reared their heads in glory, if the sculptures were chiselled in an unparalleled grace of aesthetic beauty, if

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10. The Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana with his queen Śāntalā, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Channakesava temple, Belūr, Karnāṭaka

11. Another view of the Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana with his queen Śāntalā, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Channakesava temple, Belūr, Karnāṭaka

A remarkable sculpture indicating the competence of the Indian sculptor in portraiture



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**12. Painting of Vishnu-
vardhana with his queen
Śāntalā, from a palm leaf of
the manuscript of *Dhavalā*,
Hoysala, 12th century
A D , Moodbidri,
Karnātaka**

*It is noteworthy to see the
colourful portrait of the
same king and queen
represented in sculpture
also*

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**13. Tirthankara standing
flanked by *Padmanidhi* and
Sankhanidhi, Chola, 10th
century A D , National
Museum, New Delhi**

*This is a very interesting
feature which does not
occur very frequently except
in south India*

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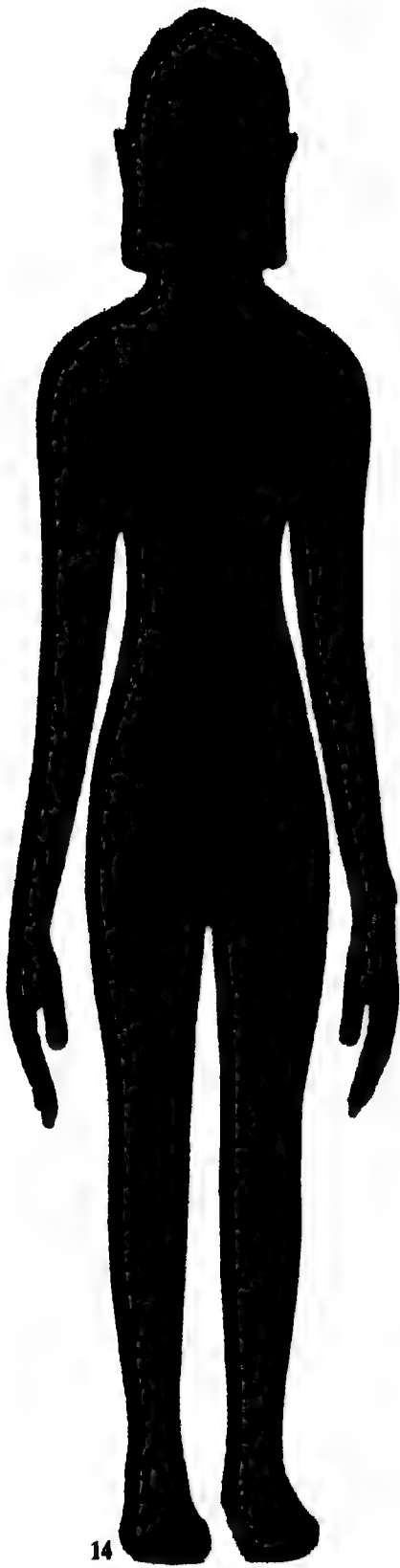
**14. Tirthankara, early
Eastern Chālukya, 8th
century A D , Bāpatlā,
Guntūr, with *śrīvatsa* mark
on chest, Hyderabad
Museum**

**15. *Śrīvatsa* mark on the
chest of Buddha from
Balawaste, late Kushāna,
4th century A D , Central
Asian mural, National
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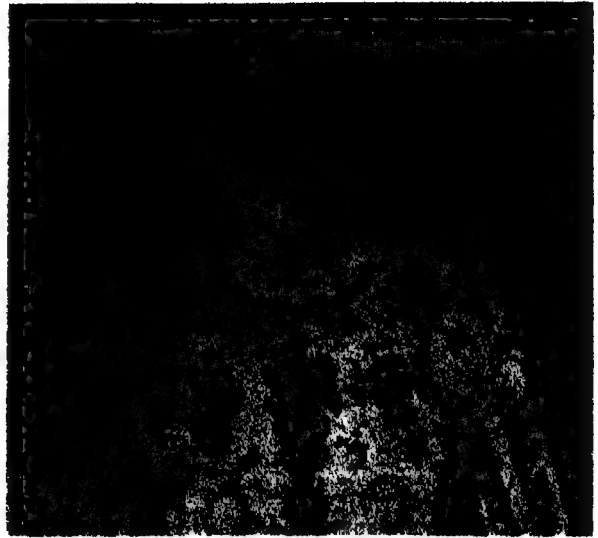
*This is a unique example of
śrīvatsa mark on the chest of
Buddha which is usually
never seen as the cloak
always covers the chest of
Buddha This is the only
instance where the chest is
bared to show the *śrīvatsa*
and various other symbols
depicting mahāpurusha-
lakshanas*

**16. *Śrīvatsa* mark on the
chest of Tirthankara,
Western Chālukya, 8th
century A D , from
Śravanabelagola,
Bangalore Museum**

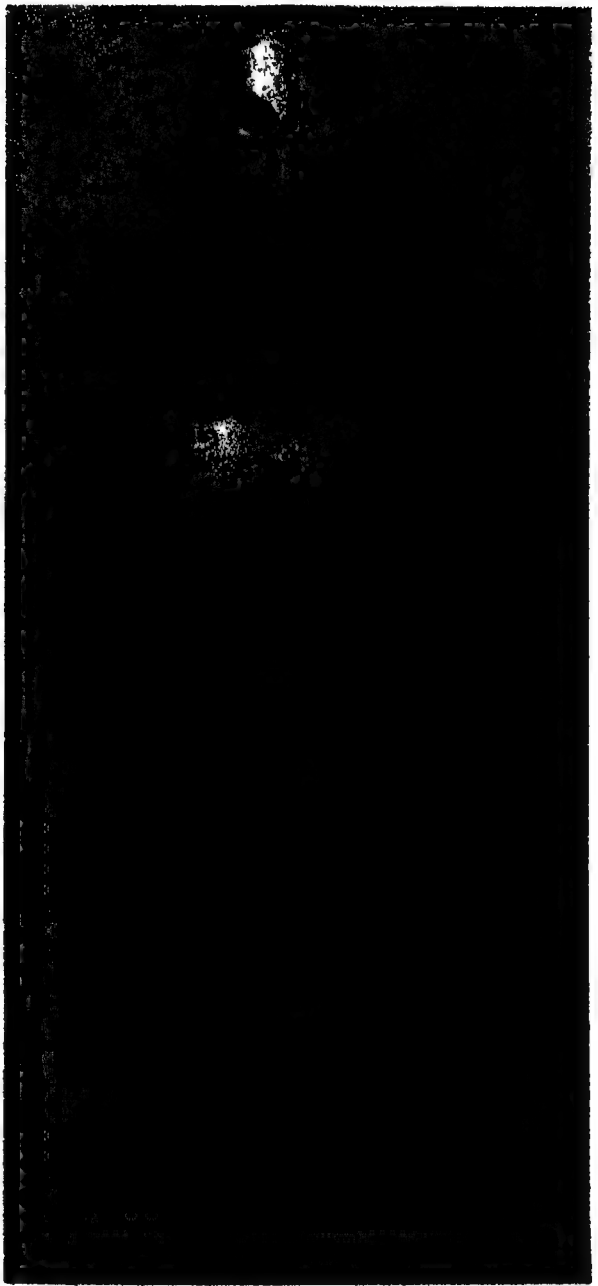
*This is a remarkable and
rare example of *śrīvatsa*
mark on the chest of
Tirthankara in the South as
in Karnātaka where it is not
totally a taboo as in Tamil
Nādu It has to be noted
here that the image was
broken just a little above the
śrīvatsa mark on the chest,
and an unusually large head
has been later added to
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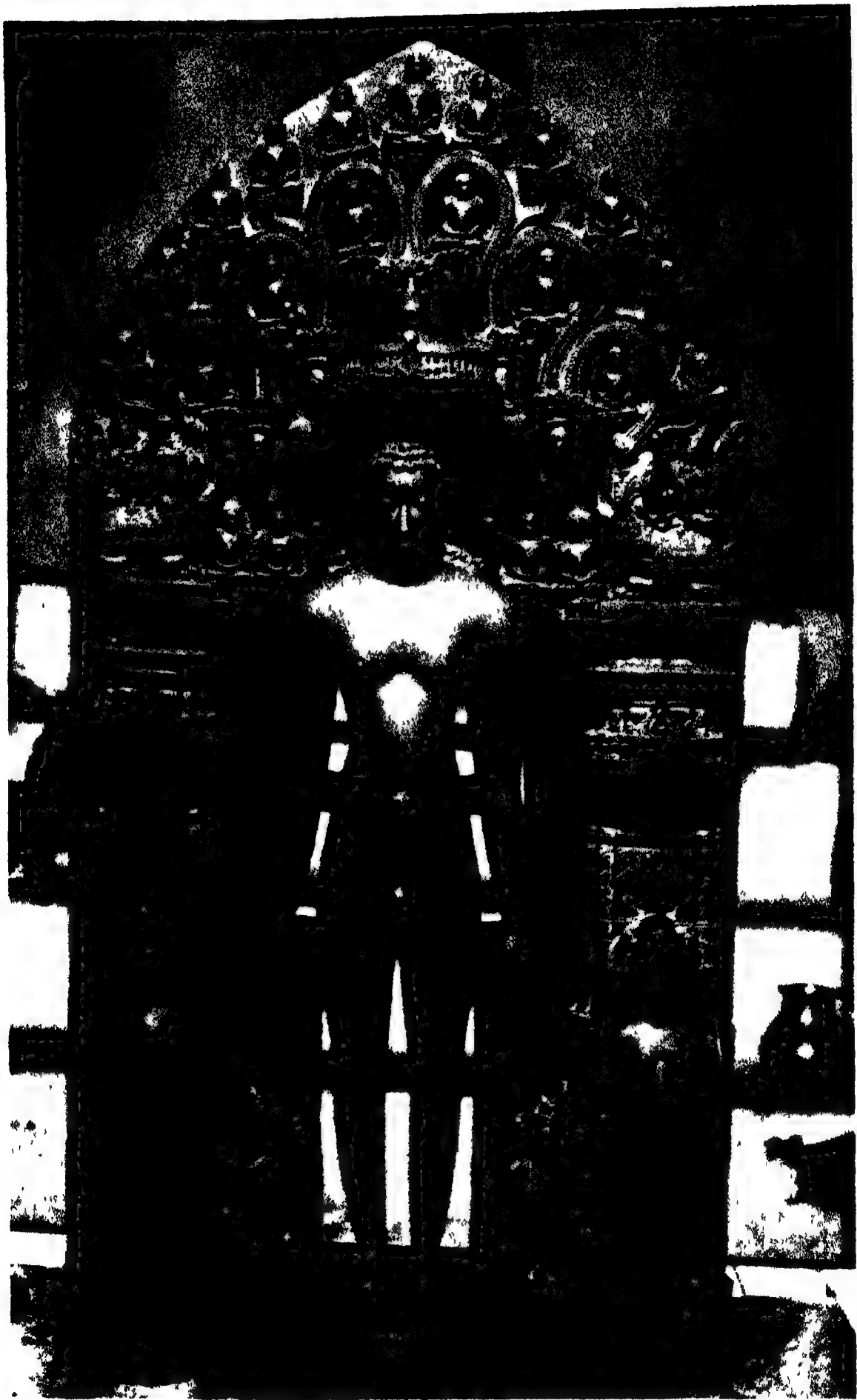


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17. Tirthankara standing in *kāyotsarga* position, Western Chālukya, 11th century A D , Amminabhavi, Karnātaka

This exquisite sculpture represents the best style of the period

18. Pārśvanātha, Western Chālukya, 11th-12th century A D , Pattankudi

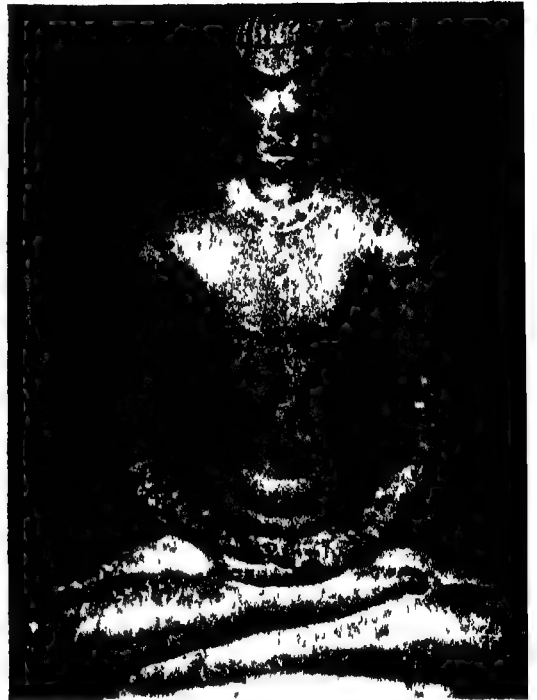
19. Ādinātha seated, Rāshtrakūta-Chālukya transition, c 10th-11th century A D , National Museum, New Delhi

Note the jalās which appear only in the case of Ādinātha. The slim figure is typical

20. Ādinātha seated, Chālukya, Talkād, Dhārwar, Karnātaka

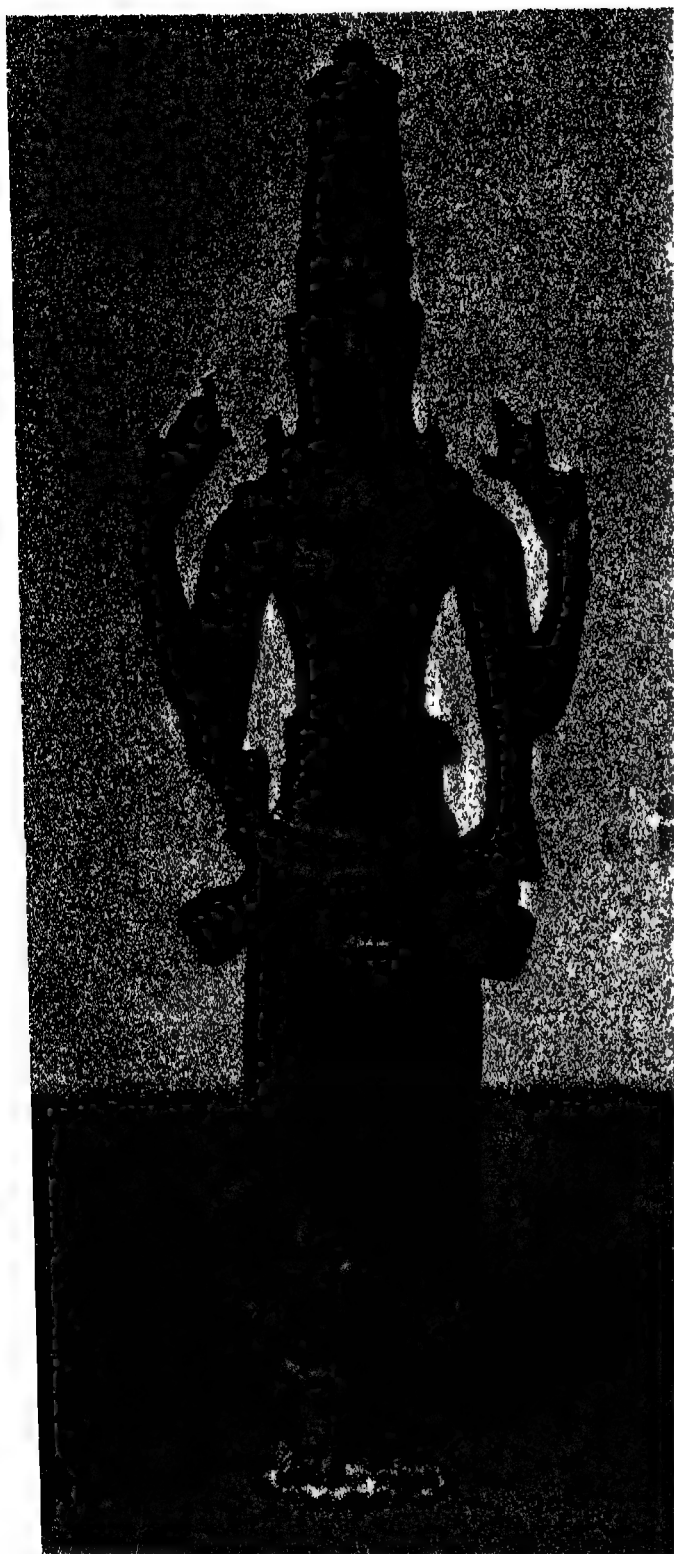


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21. Vishnu with *śrīvatsa* mark on the chest, Pallava, 8th century A D , Govt Museum, Madras
This bronze is unique in clearly representing the form of the *śrīvatsa* mark of that date and to the right on the chest and not in the centre, a peculiarity in south

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India, particularly in Tamil Nādu, where the *śrīvatsa* does not occur on the chest of any Tirthankara

22. Vishnu with *śrīvatsa* mark similarly on the chest, Pallava, 8th century A D , Govt Museum, Madras

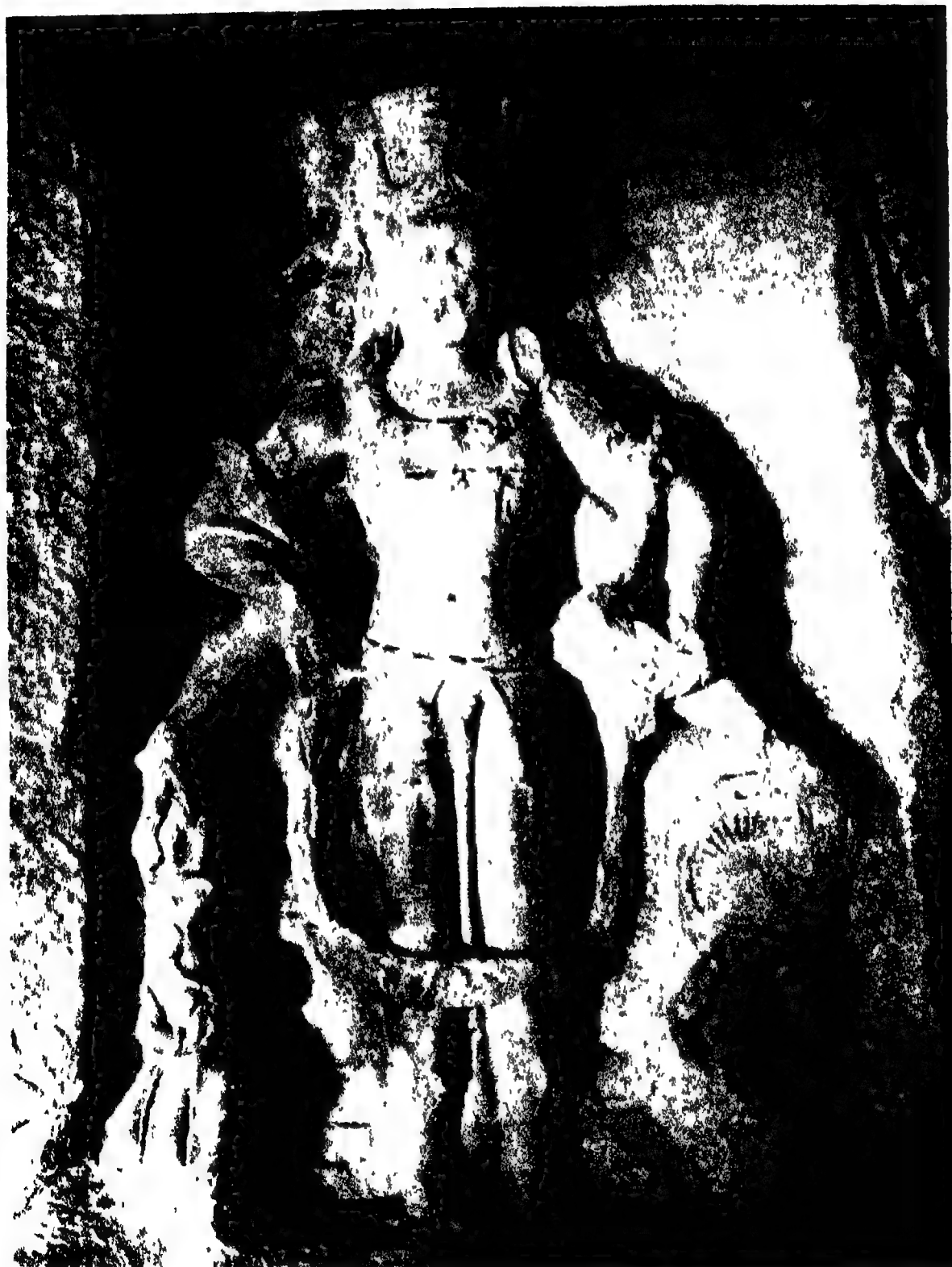
the colours and lines flowed freely to reveal the utmost charm in the forms of men, animals and birds, flowers and foliage, diverse patterns and several creations of fancy in the murals, and the molten metal froze to reveal great masterpieces of metallic creation to spell out the character and taste of each particular century or dynasty, it was more in the spirit of an offering of the best of human creation in art and thought for the adoration of the divine. But today the same has become, in a different atmosphere of approach, a study of historical sequence of gradation in aesthetic perfection, ascent or descent in the plastic norms of perfection of presentation of a theme, each one in itself, to appreciate it independently from an artistic or scholarly approach, rather than from a purely ritualistic or religious bent of mind.

For the Jainas, the world is eternal, never having been created, which dispenses with a creator who creates. Nevertheless, there is a faith in the eternity of the soul that could rise to the highest celestial glory by right conduct, by right perception, and immaculate character. The Tīrthaṅkaras are masters of perfection, even the celestials subordinated to them. The Jaina pantheon which slowly developed around the twentyfour Tīrthaṅkaras is indeed very large. The Tīrthaṅkaras constitute the principal objects of worship. They are in order Ādinātha or Rishabhadeva as he is known, Ajitanātha, Sambhavanātha, Abhinandana, Sumatinātha, Padmaprabha, Supārśvanātha, Chandraprabha, Pushpadanta or Suvidhinātha, Śītanātha, Śreyāṃsanātha, Vāsūpūjya, Vimalanātha, Anantanātha, Dharmanātha, Śāntinātha, Kunthunātha, Aranātha, Mallinātha, Munisuvrata, Naminātha, Nimi or Nimeśvara, Neminātha or Arishtanemi, Pārśvanātha, and Vardhamāna also known as Mahāvīra, each with his own cognizance, respectively the bull, elephant, horse, monkey, wheel or curlew, red lotus, *svastika*, crescent moon, *makara*, *śrīvriksha*, rhinoceros, buffalo, boar, bear, thunderbolt, deer, goat, fish, water-pot, tortoise, blue lily, conch, serpent and lion. They have also their own attendant gods, Yakshas as they are known and goddesses, Yakshīs respectively from the first on, Gomukha and Chakreśvarī, Mahāyaksha and Rohini, Trimukha and Prajñaptī, Yakshesvara and Vajraśīṅkhalā, Tumburu and Purushadattā, Kusuma and Manovegā or Manoguptī, Varanandin and Kālī, Śyāma or Vijaya and Jvālāmālīnī, Ajita and Mahākālī, Brahmā and Mānavī, Īśvara and Gaurī, Kumāra and Gāndhārī, Shanmukha and Vajroṭī, Pātāla and Anantamatī, Kinnara and Mānasī, Kimpurusha and Mahāmānasī, Gandharva and Vijayā, Kendra and Ajitā, Kubera and Aparājītā, Varuna and Bahurūpīnī, Bhrikuti and Chāmuṇḍī, Sarvāhna and Kūshmāndinī, Dharanendra and Padmāvatī, Mātāṅga and Siddhāyini. These are also known as *Śāsanadevatās*. There are legends associating them with these deified teachers. An elaborate description of colour, form, attributes, vehicles, etc. distinguish the Yakshas and Yakshīs. As the Hindu pantheon was found a rich source for drawing on for both the Buddhists and the Jainas, there is a great simulation of the attributes and the form in one form or the other in several of the forms in the Jaina pantheon. The Digambara version is best known and the most popular which is here given. As some of the Tīrthaṅkaras are more popular than the others, and occur mainly and repeatedly in sculpture and painting, their attributes and their Yakshas and Yakshīs dominate sculptural form and colour contour. The Tīrthaṅkaras are ever shown unclad either standing or seated. When standing they are described as in *kāyotsarga* position. The seated figures are in *padmāsana*. Except for the fringe of the robe seen diagonally against the chest of Buddha which covers his left shoulder, the Tīrthaṅkaras and the Buddhas in *padmāsana*

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23. Vishnu, rock-cut from the entrance of the Chandragupta cave, with *śrīvatsa* mark on the chest, Gupta, 4th century A D . Vidiśā, Udayagiri, Madhya Pradesh

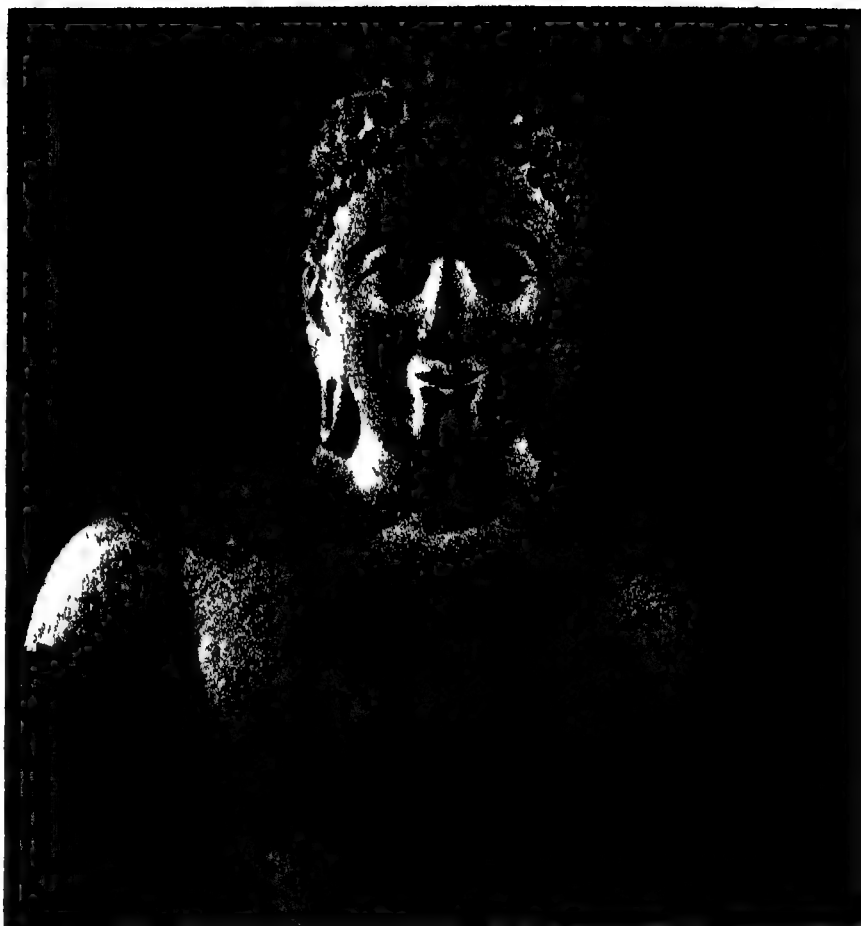


24. Tirthankara's chest with *śrīvatsa* mark prominent on it, Kushāna, 2nd century A D , Mathurā

Śrīvatsa mark is an important mahāpurusha-lakṣhaṇa on the chest

25. Close up of *dakṣhināvarta* dextral curls from Bāhubali's head, Western Ganga, 10th century A D , Sravanabelagola

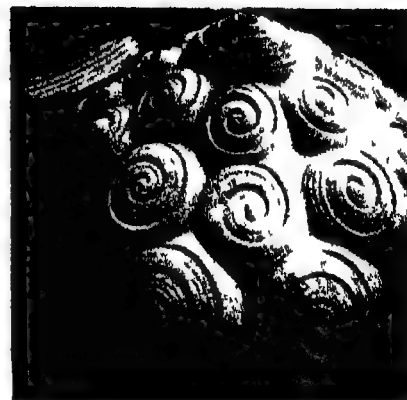
These curls constitute a mahāpurusha-lakṣhaṇa



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are almost alike. The *dakṣhināvarta*, dextral curls of the *ushnīsha* are also there for all the Tirthankaras except Ādinātha who wears long *jatās*. While the *śrīvatsa* mark is prominent centrally on the chest in the case of the Tirthankaras from the earliest times in the north, it is totally absent both in representations in Bengal and in south India. *Śrīvatsa* mark is prominent on the chest of Vishnu emphasising him as Purushottama with the *mahāpurusha-lakṣhaṇas*. This is very clear on the chest of Vishnu from the fourth century Chandragupta cave at Vidiśā. While it is prominent in the centre of the chest it is to the right on the chest of Pallava representations of Vishnu. It is a rare feature on the cloak-covered chest of Buddha for whom also the *mahāpurusha-lakṣhaṇas* are repeated, and it is observed in his case only in one early mural from Balawaste in Central Asia where his chest is bared. The *śrīvatsa* mark absent on Tirthankara chest in the Tamiḷ area occurs on some early figures from Karnāṭaka.

Resembling the majestic description of Śiva as the very source of prosperity and yet unclad and as beggar, the Tirthankara is similarly flanked by the principal treasures Śaṅkha and Padmanidhi as seen in many sculptures from south India, is the source of prosperity but yet unaffected by it, and himself far away from it. He also subsists on alms, moving about silently expecting the offering of food like Śiva Bhikṣhātana-mūrti himself. In fact the very idea of Ādinātha or Rishabhadeva with his emblem, the bull and the *jatās* that are ever present without their removal as in the case of the other Tirthankaras is remarkably resembling the concept of Śiva himself. We have also to remember that according to the *Harivaṃśa* and the *Bhāgavata*, Rishabhadeva was a great emperor whose son Bharata was a just ruler after whom the country



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forming the empire of Bharata is named The Jaina version also gives Bharata as the eldest son of Rishabha who was originally a monarch. It is Bharata's younger brother Bāhubali who, though coveting power fought his elder brother, quickly realised the ephemeral nature of the world, gave up the fight in spite of his might indicated by his name, and became a true ascetic so absorbed in penance, that ant-hills could grow around his legs and creepers entwine his body, snakes crawl up and insects creep, without his experiencing in the least any of these There are several colossal representations of this great theme, a very popular one in the Deccan

It is usual to represent the mother of the Tīrthaṅkaras having auspicious dreams These dreams in fact indicate the future glory of the Tīrthaṅkaras This is a common belief We know that before Buddha was born, Māyā dreamt of the Bodhisattva entering her womb as a white elephant This is prominently represented in sculpture The dream of Māyā is famous in the medallion at Bhārhut, is a favourite in Amarāvati and Sāñchī and in all later Buddhist sculptures depicting the principal events of Buddha's life The dream is a great event before the birth Priyakārnī or Trisālā as she is also called, the queen of Siddhārtha, has fourteen or according to another account sixteen auspicious dreams The elephant here enters not her womb but through her face In the case of Marudevī the mother of Ādinātha, it is the bull that enters Whether a bull or an elephant, the Indian significance of both the animals is *śreṣṭha* or the best indicating that a Tīrthaṅkara when born would be the highest These dreams are favourite themes in the paintings of *Kalpāsūtra* of the medieval Western Indian school In Tirupparuttikkunram the dreams, the birth, the first bath and annointment for the child, the dance of Saudharmendra the same as Indra in joy is all specially noteworthy and shown There is great stress on the omniscience or *kevala-jñāna* of the Tīrthaṅkara like the *samyag-bodhi* or *sambuddhi* of Buddha The other characteristics of Tīrthaṅkaras are indeed most noteworthy Just as the Hindu concept of Bhagavān is knowledge of creation, dissolution, the origin of beings and their finale, the highest *vidyā* or the *moksha-sādhana* and nescience, so also the completely enlightened *samyak-sambuddha* is Buddha and the similar *kevala-jñānin* is the Tīrthaṅkara In his presence there can be no question of hatred, anger, jealousy and despicable thought, there being only great qualities like *maitrī*, universal friendship, a good feeling for all indicated by the opposites coming together like the tiger and the deer, the snake and the mongoose, and so on As in the presence of Dakṣiṇāmūrti, Naranārāyaṇa and the *rishis*, so in the case of Buddha or a Tīrthaṅkara or an ascetic like Bāhubali, the Jaina *siddhas* themselves, sculptural representations show the highest feeling of *maitrī* The sky is ever clear for them, the trees bear fruit and bloom with flowers whatever the season, lotuses spring up to support their feet as they walk, the breeze blows pleasant and fragrant, the earth is cool and sweet-scented and there is supreme joy ever present experienced in their presence The *dharmachakra* moves in front of them, a concept we get also in the case of the most righteous emperor that was Buddha himself in one of his former births as Māndhātā, and more than all, the eight honours, *prāṭihāryas* and the auspicious symbols, the *aṣṭamaṅgalas* ever accompany the Tīrthaṅkaras

The *aṣṭamaṅgalas* are eight auspicious emblems and the famous *āyāgapatṭa* of the first century A D of the Kushāna school from Mathurā is famous This being universal for the Jainas they are repeated everywhere In the South in Koṇḍapur in the Andhra-Karṇāṭaka region, an early mould of the Sātavāhana period points to its use for preparing

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26. Ant-hills grown over the legs and creepers entwining the thighs of Bāhubali in penance, Vijayanagara, 14th century A D , Kārkala, Karnātaka



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27. Close up of above showing snakes peeping through ant-hills grown over the feet of Bāhubali



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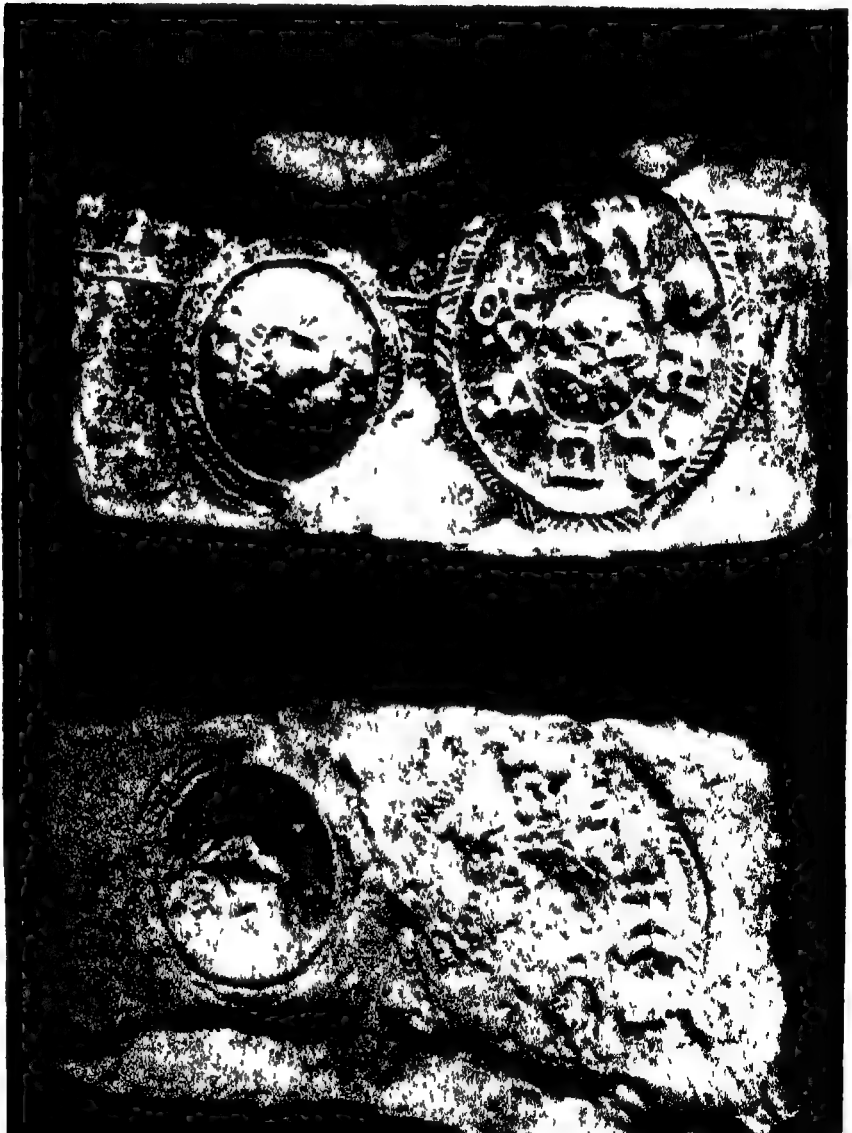
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hundreds of mementos in clay to be carried by pilgrims and devotees after visiting spots rendered sacred by famous temples or representations of Jinas. The auspicious symbols are usually the symbols *svastika*, *śrīvatsa*, *nandyāvarta*, pair of fish, the mirror, the throne of fortune, banner, *chauris*. Sometimes it varies by the omission of some and the inclusion of others like for instance *pūrnakumbha*, a powder box, umbrella. The eight *prāthūryas* are equally important and these sometimes overlap some of the *ashtamaṅgalas*. These eight are the heavenly tree, the divine rain of flowers, the celestial music, *chauris*, throne, aureole, the sound of the drum, the umbrellas. The *Śāsanadevatās* or the governing deities are the Yakshis and Yakshas, a pair for each Tīrthankara. It is interesting to compare the *ashtamaṅgalas* from Kondapur in the South of 2000 years ago with a Kushāna *āyāgapatta* from Mathurā to show the popularity and significance of the eight auspicious objects.

Again the importance of the omniscience of the *kevalajñāna* attained by the Tīrthankara is such that all the *devas* realising the importance of such a great event, and the humans, celestials and even animals, desirous of listening to his discourse as he preaches *dharma* to the world create through celestial artisans the celestial pavilion called the *samavasarana*. It is so important that the theme has been availed of for depiction ever so often in Jaina art.

Nandiśvara is another pyramidal or conical *vimāna* shrine in stone or metal to represent the Tīrthankaras facing the directions in several tiers each enshrined as they should be in the pleasant continent composition of

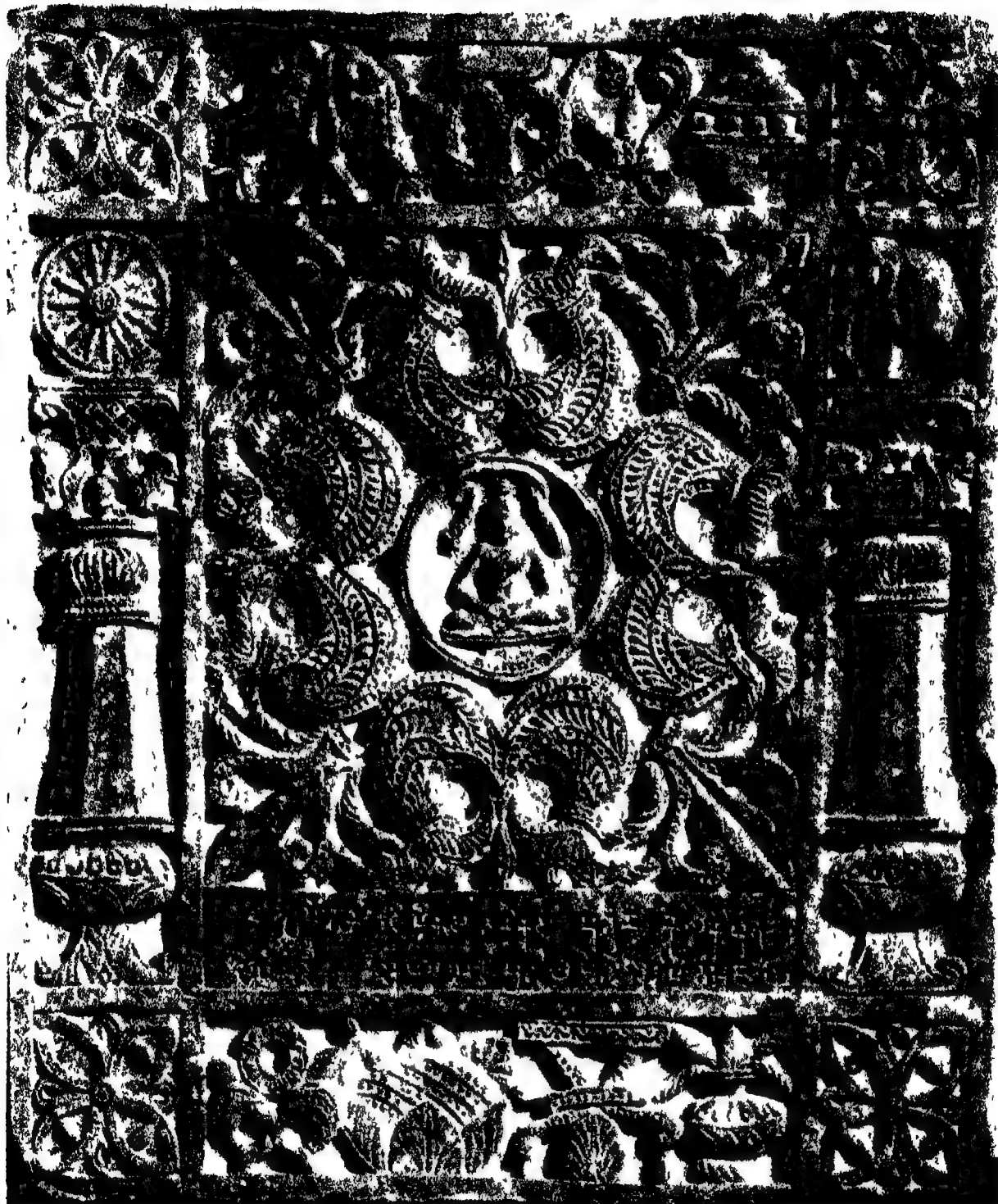
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28. Mould of *ashtamangala* along with *ashtamangala* clay sealing, Sātavāhana, 1st-2nd century A D., Kondapur, Āndhra Pradesh

29. *Āyāgapattu* with
ashtamangala, Kushāna,
1st century A D , Mathurā,
National Museum, New
Delhi

*The eight auspicious
symbols are famous*



30. Māra's attack.
Vākātaka, 5th century
A D , Ajantā

An extraordinary effective sculpture continuing the earlier tradition of Nāgārjunakonda and Ghantaśāla, of the approach of Māra on his elephant Girimekala triumphantly and retreating on the other side shamefacedly Māra is somehow slightly softened to come nearer the Brāhmanical concept of Madana, the sugarcane-armed sweet and beautiful one with his alluring daughters, māravadhūs, while in the Jaina version of Kamatha's attack Kamatha is rigid and the very picture of fury and evil

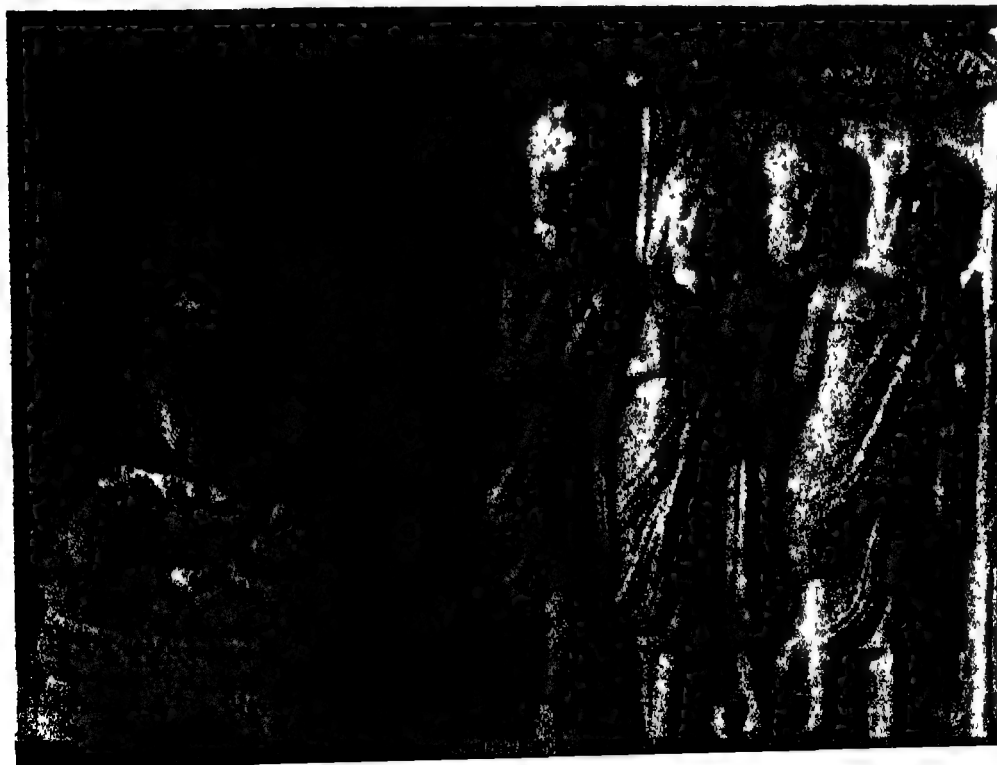
31. Muchilinda protecting Buddha with his coils
Buddha with his coils
entwining the master and
the hoods canopying his
head, Ikshvāku, 2nd-3rd
century A D , Nāgārjuna-
konda, Āndhra Pradesh

The Muchilinda incident is a favourite in Amarāvati, Nāgārjunakonda and has travelled to South-East Asia to become a greater favourite as in examples from Cambodia



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32. Śrī Lakshmi on the reverse of the Elephant Rider gold coin of Kumāragupta, Gupta, 5th century A D

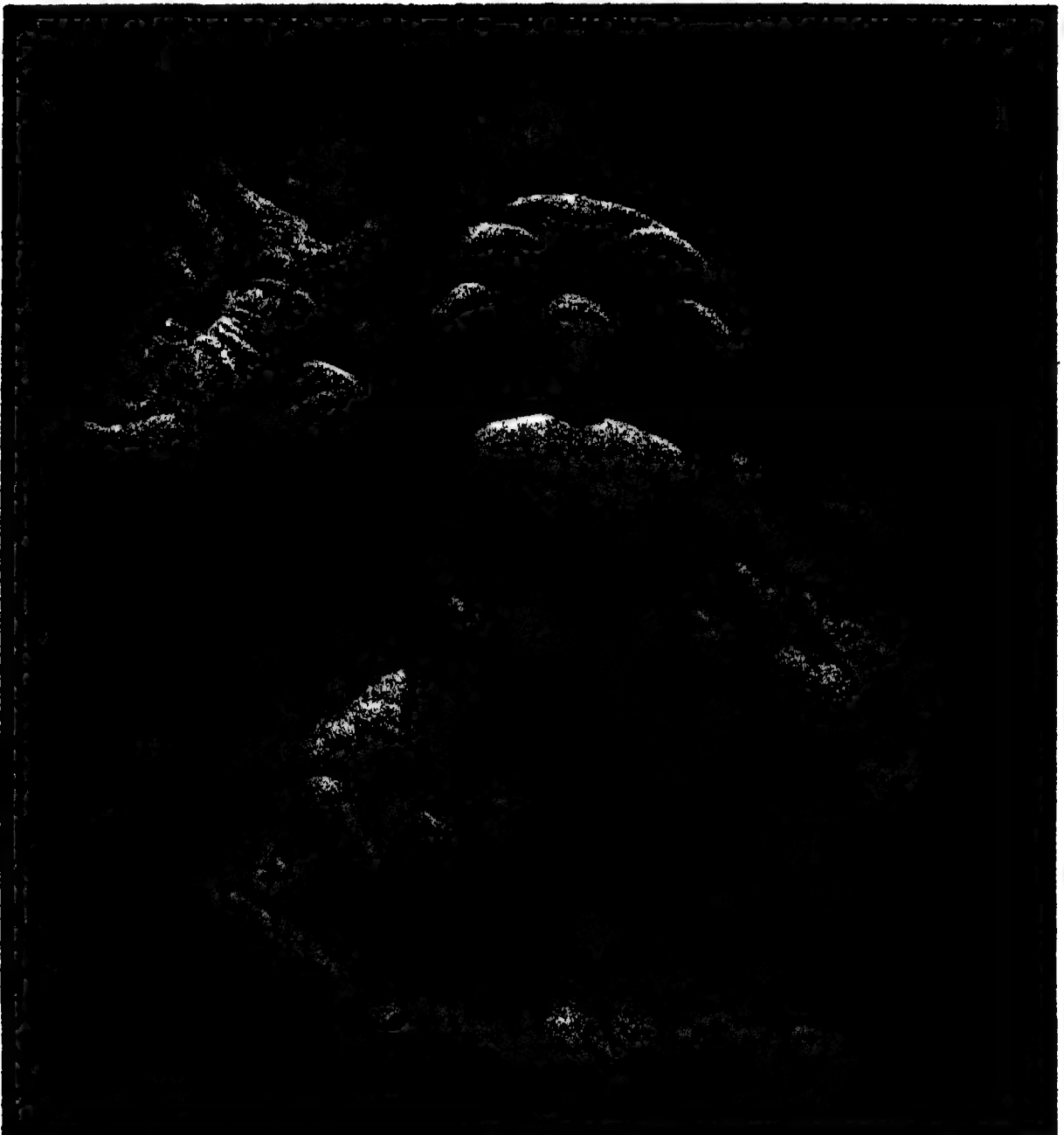
This is important to illustrate Lakshmi as the source of all wealth and the principal nidhis ever in attendance on her

33. Kamatha's attack, Pallava, 8th century A D , Tirakkol, North Arcot district, Tamil Nādu

This is one of the effective early rock-cut Jaina carvings from the South

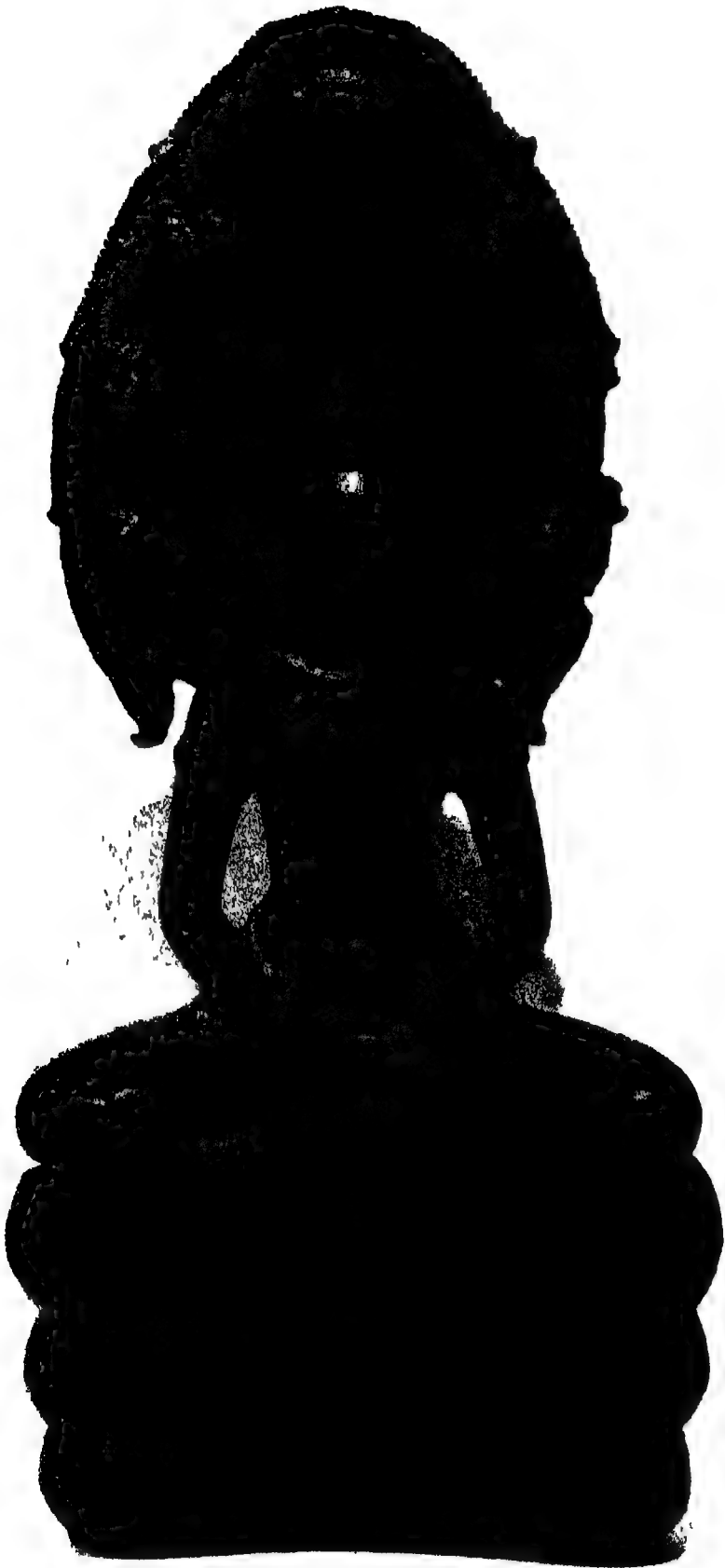


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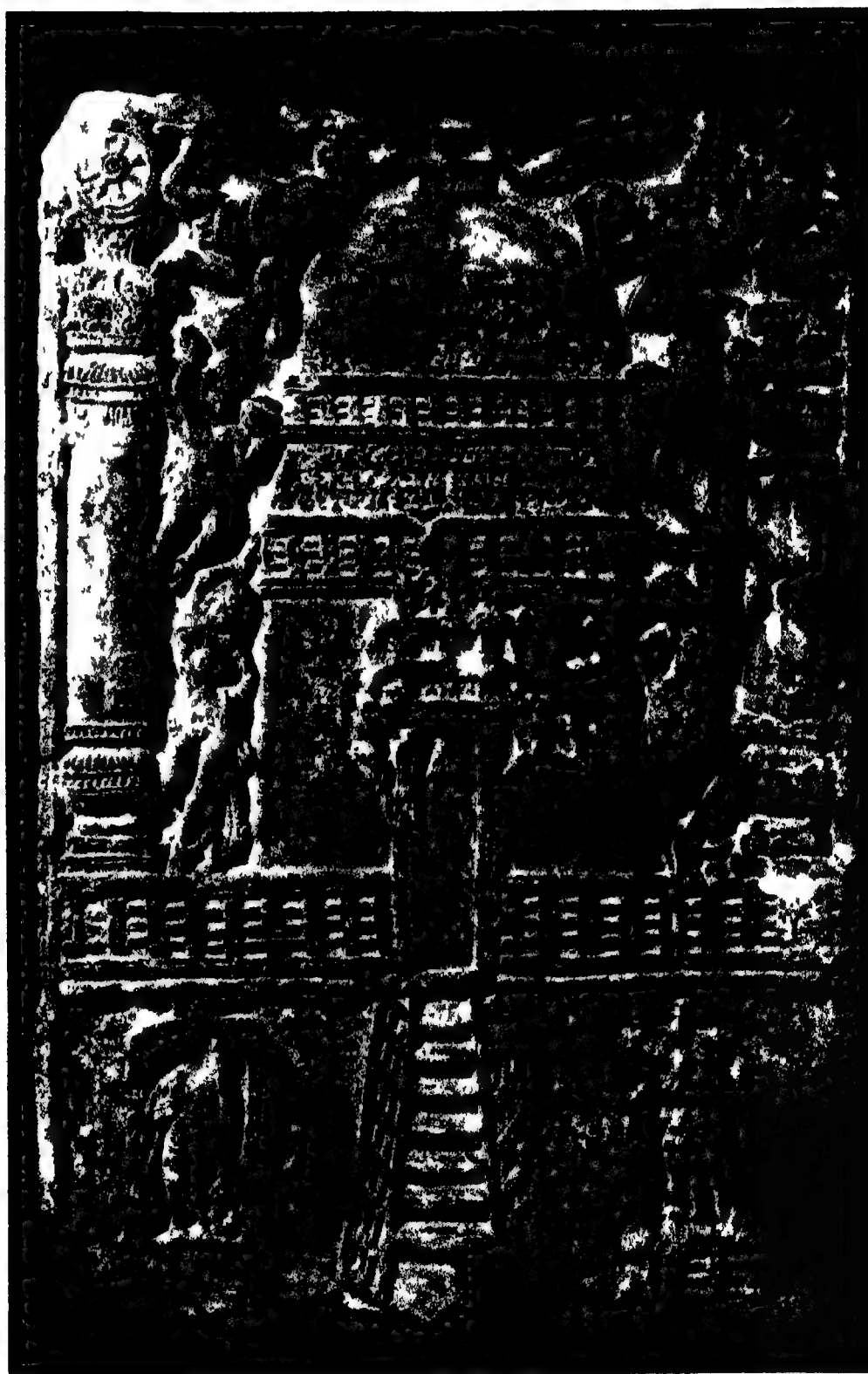


34 Muchilinda protecting Buddha with the coils, entwining the Master and the hoods canopying his head, 11th century A D , Cambodia

This is an excellent example in metal from the Cleveland Museum, USA

35. Inscribed āyāgapatta, Kushāna, 1st century A D Mathurā Museum

The famous plaque of Lonaśobhikā with carving of stūpa and inscription mentioning the donor and the donation



36. Seated Tirthankara
facing Parśvanatha from
the other end of the
verandah of the cave,
Pallava, 7th century A D ,
Sittannavāsai
Tiruchirapalli district

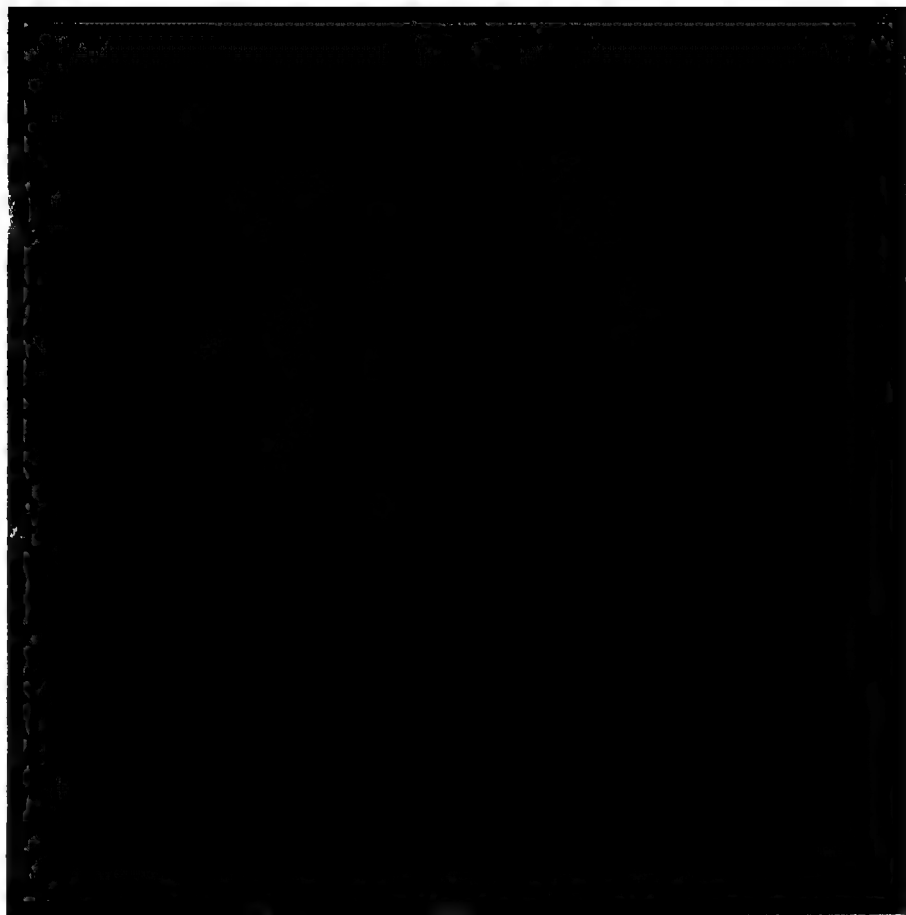


37 Nagarāja protecting
Pārsvanātha with his
hoods, Dharanendra and
Padmavatī flanking as
attendants. Pāndya, 8th
century A.D.,
Kalugumalai, Tirunelveli
district

*This is one of the finest
examples of an aesthetic
version of the theme in a
large imposing rock-cut
panel chiselled on a
boulder*

38 & 39 Kamathas attack
a Gupta version of the 5th
century A.D. from Biḥār
now in the Indian Museum,
Calcutta

*This is one of the finest
examples of the theme in
sculpture*



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temples, jewelled couches, *stūpas* and *chautyas* with Jinas worshipped all around. Such representations are a favourite for worship like *chaturvīṣṭa-likās* or the twentyfour Tirthankaras brought together in one panel with importance given to the main one which may be any one Tirthankara, usually Pārśvanātha, Ādinātha or Mahāvīra. Jaina iconography is indeed most interesting and elaborate.

The most frequent representations of the Tirthankaras are Ādinātha, Pārśvanātha, Supārśvanātha, Mahāvīra, Śāntinātha, Neminātha. The attack by Kamathā with his dreadful hordes to dissuade the Tirthankara in his determination for renunciation as an ascetic, corresponding exactly to the *Māradharshana* or the beguilement of Māra to wean away Buddha from his firm resolve to attain enlightenment under the Bodhi tree, is a very popular theme. One of the finest representations from south India of this theme is from Irakkol in North Arcot district, an impressive carving on a large boulder. It is interesting to recall in this connection the famous Gupta version of Kamathā's attack from the Indian Museum, Calcutta. The sculpture has to be assigned to the Pallava period and is a magnificent one with this difference between the attack in the Buddhist and Jaina version, that in the former the Master is seated while in the latter he is standing, in addition to the snake with his curls zigzagging up behind him with the large broad hoods spread over his head to protect him, not unlike Muchilinda that came to the rescue of Buddha from the storm soon after his enlightenment. The most artistic version of Padmāvatī raising the umbrella, Dharaṇendra offering his obeisance to him, the snake hoods adorning the Nāgarāja himself in theri-anthropomorphic form standing in almost Viśvarūpa proportions immediately behind the Master and protecting him with great ardour, is easily to be accepted as seen in the early Pāṇḍyan masterpiece from Kalugumalai.

The most ancient vestiges of Jaina culture in south India are of about the second century B.C. and are mostly natural caverns and caves in the extreme South in different districts like Rāmanāthapuram, Tiruchirāpallī, Tirunelveli and others and are from Ānamalai, Arachallevi, Āykudi, Kalugumalai, Karuṅgalakkudi, Kidāipattī, Kīlavalavu, Kongāpūlayankulam, Kunnakudi, Māmandūr, Mankalam, Margalvalai, Mettupattī, Muttupattī, Pugalūr, Sittannavāsai, Tiruchirāpallī, Tirupparankunram, Vāvichaiyūr and Vikkīramaṅgālam. There are several improvised rock-cut beds for the monks with slightly raised pillows for supporting the head of the slumbering monk. Such donations magnanimously made by lay followers are mentioned in short but significant early Brāhmī inscriptions. We have for instance one from Sittannavāsai that runs, *eruminātu kumuthu ūr piranta kāvuṭi itena ku chitupochula ilayar cheyṭā atitānam*, meaning 'Chitupoil Ilayer made this *adhishthānam* for Kāvudi Iten who was born at Kumattūr, a village in Eruminādu. These inscriptions for a long time proved an enigma, as they are in Brāhmī letters, being not in Prakrit as usually, and in a language least thought of in the context of this script, in Tamil, and with the semivowel affixes for consonants being independently given as fullfledged vowels along with the consonants themselves unlike in contemporary Aśokan inscriptions. Identification was baffled for quite a long time till K. V. Subrahmanya Iyer could decipher these interesting inscriptions.

40. Tamil inscription in early Brāhmī letters, 2nd century B.C. mentioning the donation of a rock-cut bed for a monk. Sittannavāsai, Sangam age. Tiruchirāpallī district. Tamil Nādu.

41. Tirthankara. Mauryan. 3rd century B.C., Lohanipur. Patnā Museum. This is a rare early example with the pleasant Mauryan polish present on the stone and aesthetically of a very high order. It is an example of the court art of the Mauryas.

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At this stage, though Buddha was never represented in anthropomorphic form, we have instances of the Tirthankara being shown so, as in the famous elegantly carved and polished undoubtedly Mauryan examples from Lohānīpur. It is no wonder, however that sculptures of such an early date have been found only very rarely anywhere in India and none in the South. Early sculptural representation of the Tirthankara of the Kushāna period however abounds in north India, along with depictions of Jaina *stūpas* as we have in the famous carving of the *stūpa* plaque of Lonaśobhikā giving a visual picture of a typical Jaina *stūpa* of the first century A.D. There are no such monuments in the South. The earliest here go back only to the seventh-eighth century A.D. These are either Pallava or Pāndya.

Though there are some early Jaina vestiges in the Chera country they are very few and far between. In fact, they abound only in the other two areas of the Pāndyas and the Pallavas.

Sittannavāsāl is no doubt the most well known cave temple in south India where, in addition to sculpture, painting has also been found and of fine quality. As we know that Mahendravarman I was a Jaina before his conversion to Śaivism by Tirunāvukkaraśu, and as actually he even exclaims in joy in the cave at Mandagapattu that he experimented carving out temples in the rock completely avoiding brick, timber, metal and stucco, it is he who had started the cave at Sittannavāsāl, and it was further embellished by the Pāndya at a slightly later date. In the area around the capital of Mahendravarman, both in Chingleput and in North and South Arcot districts, there are several Jain vestiges.

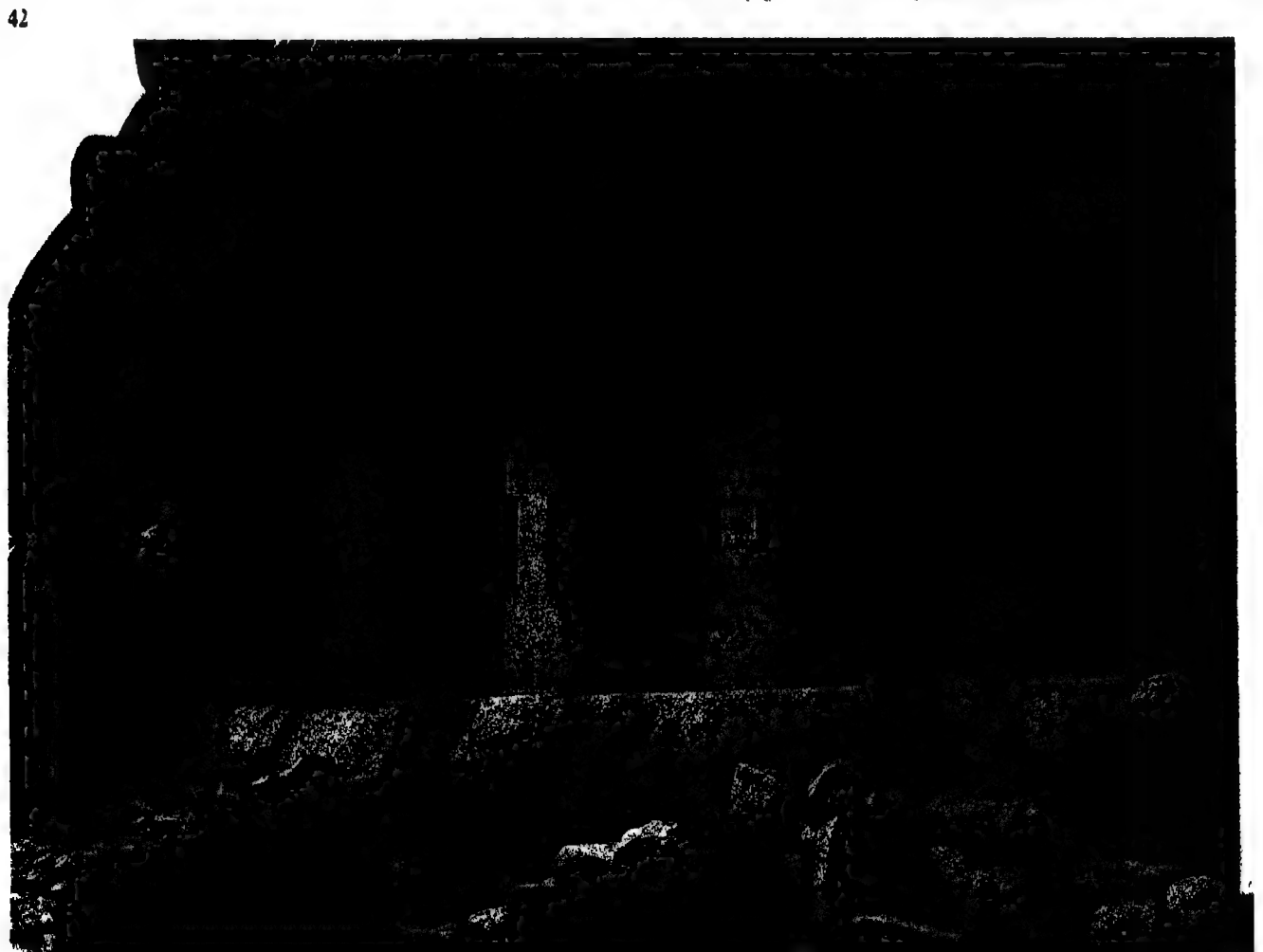
The rock-carvings at Tirakkol in North Arcot district and in the cave at Ārmāmalai are again of Pallava workmanship. While at Tirakkol a whole interesting episode from the life of Pārśvanātha is graphically portrayed, in the Sittannavāsāl cave the sculptural work which is very early Pallava of the time of Mahendravarman, indicates the beginning of massive and somewhat stiff early type of representation of seated figures of the

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41 View of a very important cave of Mahendravarman, Pallava, 7th century A.D., Mandagapattu South Arcot district

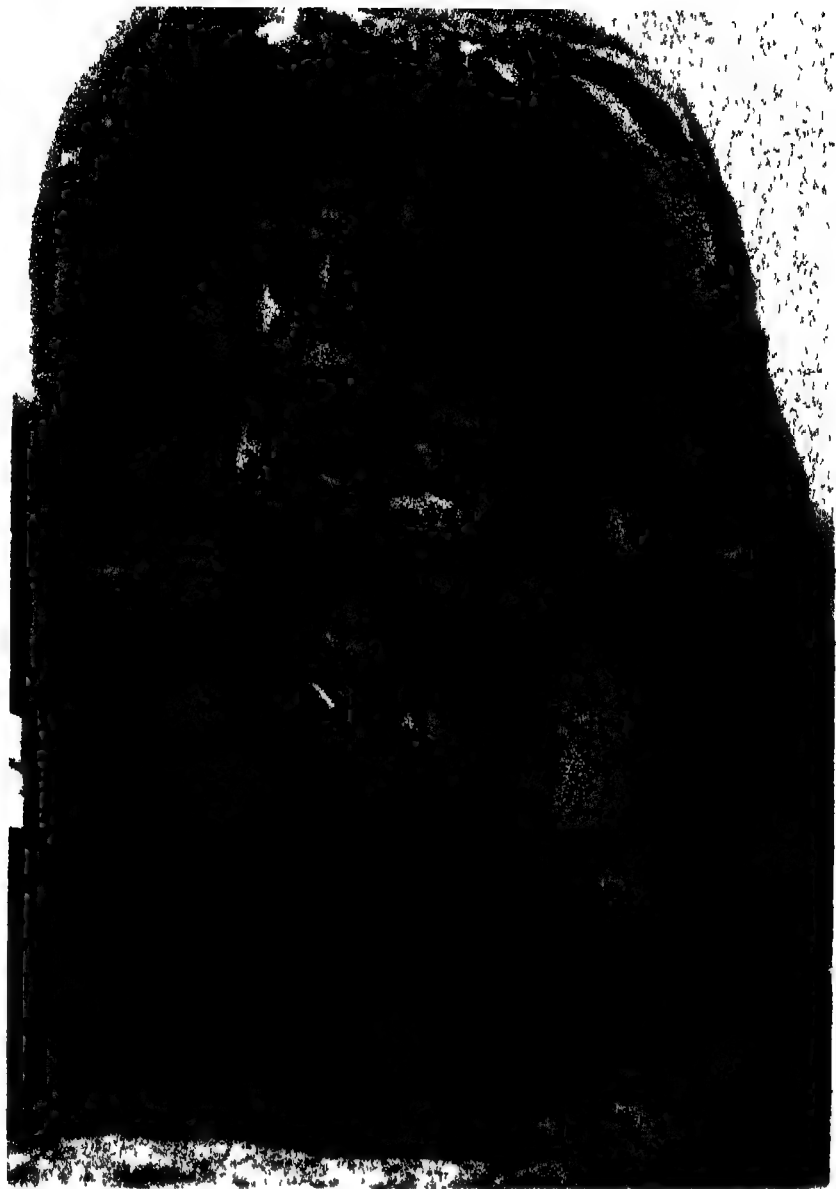
This gives an inscription mentioning the experimentation by the curious-minded king of cutting into the rock to create cave temples in south India



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43 Pārsvanātha seated
from the sidewall of the
front verandah of cave
Pallava 7th century A D
Sittannavasal
Tiruchirapalli district





44 The attack of Kamatha and other scenes carving on boulder, Pallava, 8th century A D , Tirakkol, North Arcot district, Tamil Nadu

45 View of the cave temple Pallava 7th century A D Sittannavāsai





46 Close up of Yakshi Ambikā only, Pallava-Chola transition 9th century A D Melsittāmūr, South Arcot district, Tamil Nadu

Tirthankaras. The cave itself is early Mahendravarman type with massive tripartite cubical pillars with simple lotus medallion ornamentation on the top cubical portion, the central part cut octagonally. The pillars and two pilasters are prominent on the facade with a *mandapa* or verandah leading on to the shrine cell with niches on the main wall as also in the side walls of the verandah on either side to enshrine Tirthankaras. The corbels of the pillar capitals are rounded and fluted with a central band. The rock-cut steps leading up to the cave itself and to the doorway of the shrine are all typical. This is the earliest form of temple architecture, Brāhmanical or Jaina, in south India, the principles of construction being the same.

From Devigaram in South Arcot hails a remarkable large carving of Mahāvīra seated under the tree canopied by triple umbrella and flanked by attendants remarkably recalling in style and spirit the details that mark the Nāgapattinam Buddha image in metal. The mode of representation of the tree, parasol, and attendants behind the back-rest is strikingly similar.

The rock-cut carving at Melsittāmūr in South Arcot district include a group of two majestic panels side by side, one of Tirthankara Pārśvanātha adored by Dharanendra to the right and attended by Yakshī Padmāvatī to the left, the other of Bāhubali with his two sisters on either side, creepers climbing and entwining his legs as usual and in this case a pair of cobras so balanced as to be issuing from either side, their hoods gracefully lifted up. This should be assigned to about the ninth century, the end of the Pallava and the commencement of the Chola, a transition, and therefore retaining to a great extent the charm of Pallava features which are evident in the earliest Chola sculptures as well.

Yakshī Ambikā standing to the left of the seated Tirthankara Mallinātha is in the characteristic pose that has been chosen as one of classic elegance by a succession of sculptors and painters starting in about 150 A D. by a Sātavāhana sculptor of the rail period at Amarāvati, again at Nāgārjunakonda, repeated in a Vākātaka painting at Ajantā of the fifth century A D., appearing at Ellora, again repeated here in about the ninth century A D. and continued in the same beautiful and charming manner in one of the two nymphs near the entrance of the *garbhagriha*, where at the edge of the *mandapa* in the Kampahareśvara temple at Tribhuvanam, it is again one of the masterpieces of late Chola art.

Another group of rock-cut sculptures is from Vallimalai, where Tirthankaras standing, with adoring Vidyādharas above on either side, or seated on the throne, with *chauri*-bearers flanking, as well as Yakshas and Yakshis, is a theme repeated, in addition to independent representations of deities of the pantheon like Srutadevī.

Here is a large rock-cut panel with the central figure of standing Pārśvanātha, snakehoods sheltering his head, the triple umbrella, *makara-torana* in four arches above and a pair of Vidyādharas holding garland offerings in great devotion, and seated figures of four Tirthankaras, two on either side arranged one above the other as a large single composition. An equally large rock-cut panel is of a seated Tirthankara, Vardhamāna with *chauri*-bearers flanking his seat-back, and Vidyādharas and other celestials above in adoration, carved in great detail and elegance, with an exceedingly fine seated Ambikā under the mango tree, her child on her lion, carved in a niche, in the elegance of eighth-ninth century style.

Very interesting indeed are other groups of later sculptures, also rock-cut, seated and attended each by a pair of *chauri*-bearers, with a group of two Tirthankaras. Mātāṅga Yaksha riding elephant at the extreme right and Ambikā with her lion at her foot at the extreme left,

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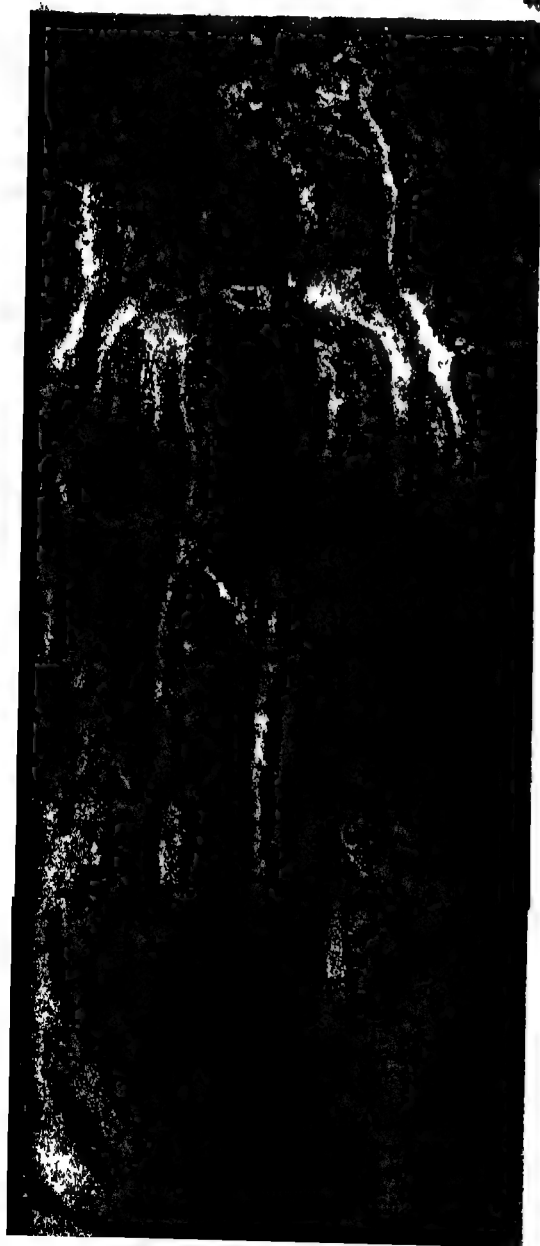


47. Yakshī Ambika standing to the left of Tirthankara, Pallava-Chola transition, 9th century A D , Melsittāmūr, South Arcot district, Tamil Nādu

48. 48A. Pārśvanātha attended by Dharanendra and Padmāvatī as well as Bāhubali flanked by his sisters, Pallava-Chola transition, 8th-9th century A D , Melsittāmūr, South Arcot district, Tamil Nādu
A complete view of both panels giving all the details

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49. Carving of a standing nymph in identical pose
Ikshvāku, 2nd-3rd century
A D Nāgārjunakonda
Āndhra Pradesh

This as well as the subsequent ones are to show the persistence of a tradition of artistic excellence in stance contour, pose and emotion

50 Nymph or tree sprite standing in identical pose,
Chola 13th century A D
Kampaharesvara temple,
Tribhuvanani, Thanjavur district

51 Carving showing a nymph in identical pose
Rāshtrakūta 8th century
A D , Lankesvara cave,
Ellora Mahārāshtra

52 Painting showing goddess in identical pose, Pallava,
8th century A D
Panamalai South Arcot district, Tamil Nādu

53 Close up of the above painting showing goddess in identical pose,
Pallava 8th century A D ,
Pānamalai, South Arcot district, Tamil Nādu





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54 Painting showing
princess in identical pose
Vākāṭaka, 5th century
A D , Ajantā
Mahārashtra





55 View of Vallimalai showing the Tirthankara standing with adoring Vidyadharas above and seated with *chauri*-bearers flanking along with Yaksha and Yakshi, Chola, 9th-10th century A D

56 Row of Tirthankaras seated with inscription, 9th-10th century A D , Chola, Vallimalai, Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh



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indicate importance given here to Mahāvīra. There are repeatedly given seated versions of Pārśvanātha as well as of Mātāṅga Yaksha on elephant. A large independent carving here should be of Śrutadevī seated holding the goad and noose in her upper hand and a book in her lower left, her lower right beckoning the devotee to be unafraid. As there are associations of the Western Gaṅga king Rājamalla here according to epigraphical evidence, there is naturally somewhat of an admixture of Gaṅga workmanship which is rather heavy and less aesthetic than late Pallava. This is easily observed in the famous memorial carving of the same date representing the passing away of the Western Gaṅga king Nītimārga.

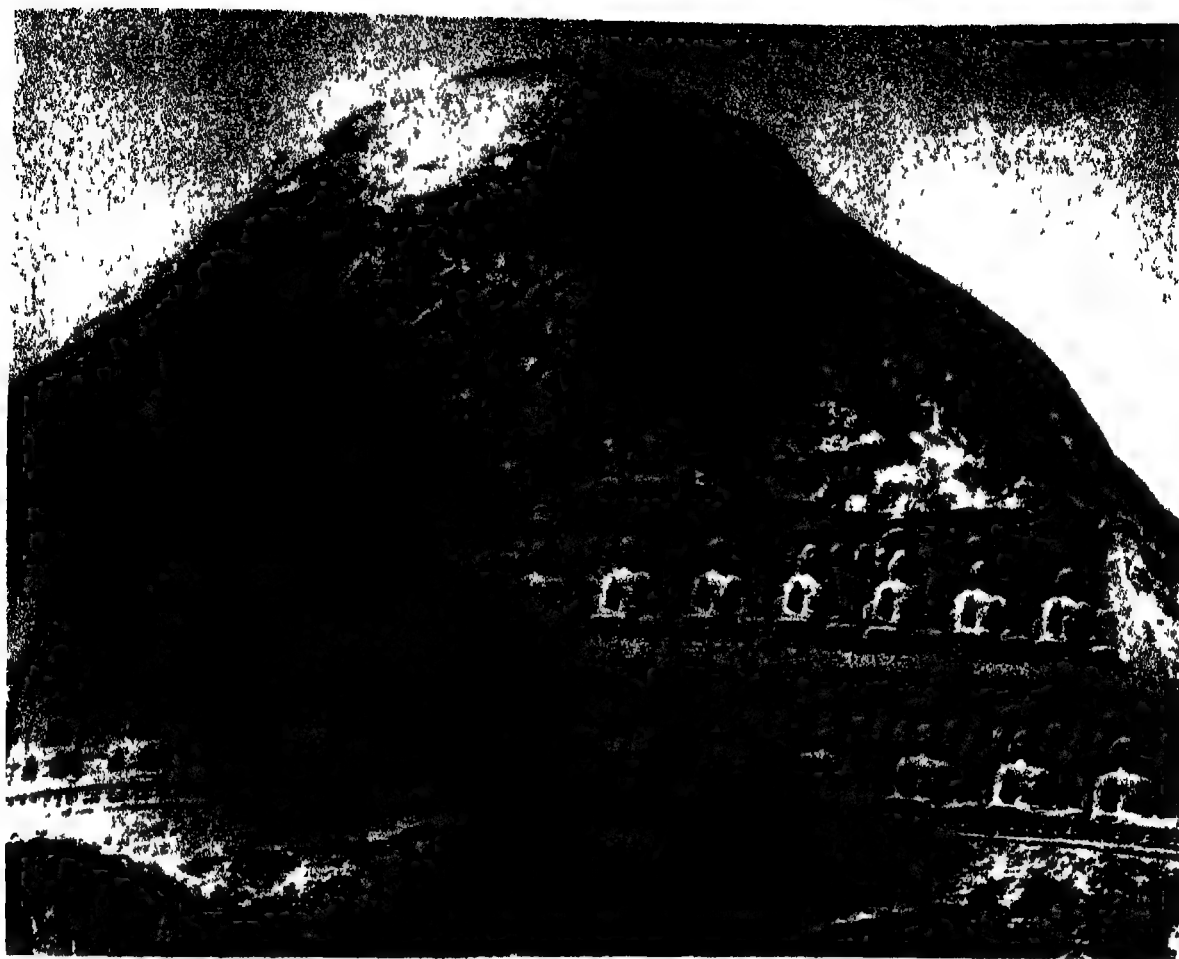
At Śīrukkadambūr in South Arcot district is a large boulder, with an interesting series of all the twentyfour Tirthankaras cut into it in two rows, with the triple umbrella above and pair of *chauris* crossed flanking each, with an early inscription mentioning the *nishīdhis* of the Jaina saints Chandiranandin and Ilayapadaran by *sallekhanā* fasting. A panel of a standing Tirthankara with a halo encircled by flames, a pair of flywhisks and the triple umbrella, a countenance so comely and body chiselled to perfection, is also a noteworthy carving on the boulder.

On a huge boulder of what is known as Pañchapāṇḍavarmalai at Kilaiyūr-Kilavalavu there are rock-cut Jaina sculptures illustrating the Tirthankara with Yakshīs. In Uttamapālayam, there are rows of Tirthankaras beginning with Ādinātha. Close to the Aivarmalai natural cavern are again carvings of Jaina Tirthankaras and Yakshīs. The last of the Pāndya kings, Varagunavarman, who was defeated by the Pallava king Aparājita, had made an endowment to Pārśvanātha carved at this place. The inscription of 970 A.D. here is thus very interesting.

Sittannavāsāl is only one of the many important places in Tiruchirāpalli district. From Melūr there is a sculpture of seated Tirthankara with the attendants and Vidyādhara above, a halo of flames around the head, the triple-umbrella and the foliage of the tree forming a canopy as it were above. From Kannangudi there is a seated Tirthankara with almost the same grace, though a little later in date, about the eleventh century. A simpler and an earlier sculpture of seated Tirthankara with only three umbrellas immediately above the head is from Mosakkudi. Annavāsāl has given some Jaina carvings, one of them an important one, unfortunately with the head missing.

Chettipatti has yielded a number of very lovely early Chola Jaina carvings all recovered from Vattikovil mound. A seated Tirthankara with the *chauri*-bearers on either side, an auricle of flames immediately behind the head, a row of triple umbrellas above, and a conventionalised representation of the tree with its foliage in a pattern of creepers flowing out all around to form a series of circles as bights for figures enshrining them is an interesting one. There are other carvings of seated Tirthankaras, large standing Tirthankara of exquisite beauty and several Yaksha attendants very respectfully seated as they would in attendance on the Tirthankaras on either side. There are three of them individually carved, all of them probably forming part of decoration of the temple wall now ruined and surviving only in these fragments, though originally the Tirthankaras should have been enshrined in niches and flanked by attendant figures on the main surface. The sculptor's skill is easily judged from a separate carving, the lion of Ambikā, a simple theme so beautifully executed. All these should be assigned to about the ninth-tenth century A.D. and can compare with the most beautiful contemporary carvings of any school from anywhere in the country.

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57 Series of twenty-four
Tirthankaras on large
boulder Chola,
Sirukkadambūr

58 Tirthankara, probably
Pārśvanātha Chola
Kilaiyur-Kilavalavu

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59 View of Jaina images lying scattered in the debris of the derelict temple, Chola, 9th-10th century A D , Chettipatti

60 Full view of Tirthankara standing , Chola, Sirukkadamūr





61 Head of Pārśvanatha,
Chola, 9th-10th century
A D , Chettipatti

*It is an exquisite piece
illustrating the best tradition
of early Chola
workmanship*

62 Tirthankara, Chola,
11th century A D .
Kanangudi, Tiruchirāpalli

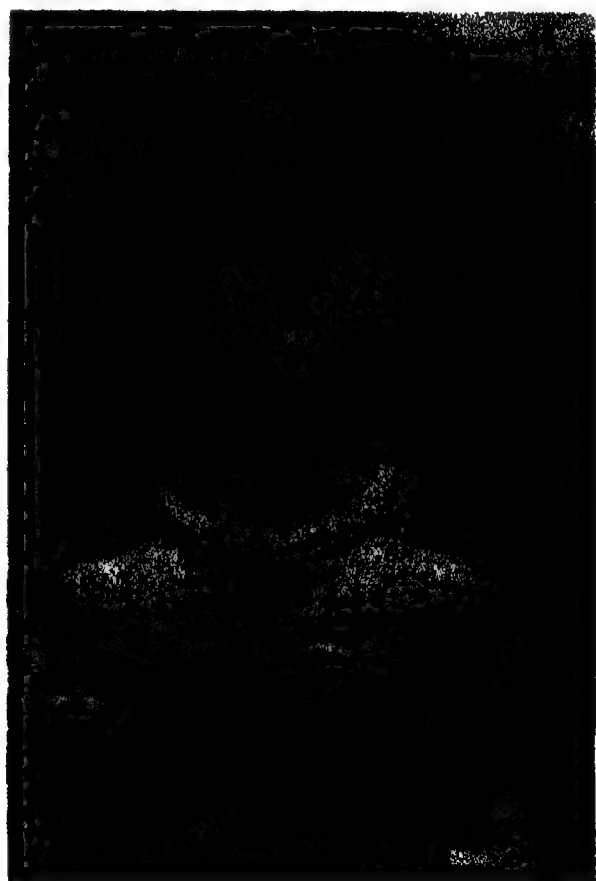
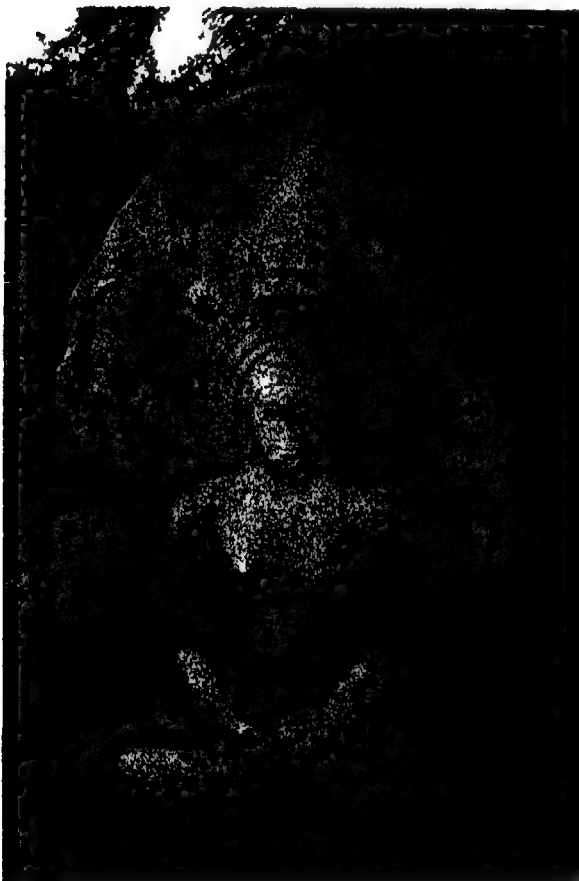
63 Seated Tirthankara
without attendants, Chola,
9th-10th century A D ,
Chettipatti

*This and all the other rows
from Chettipatti are excellent
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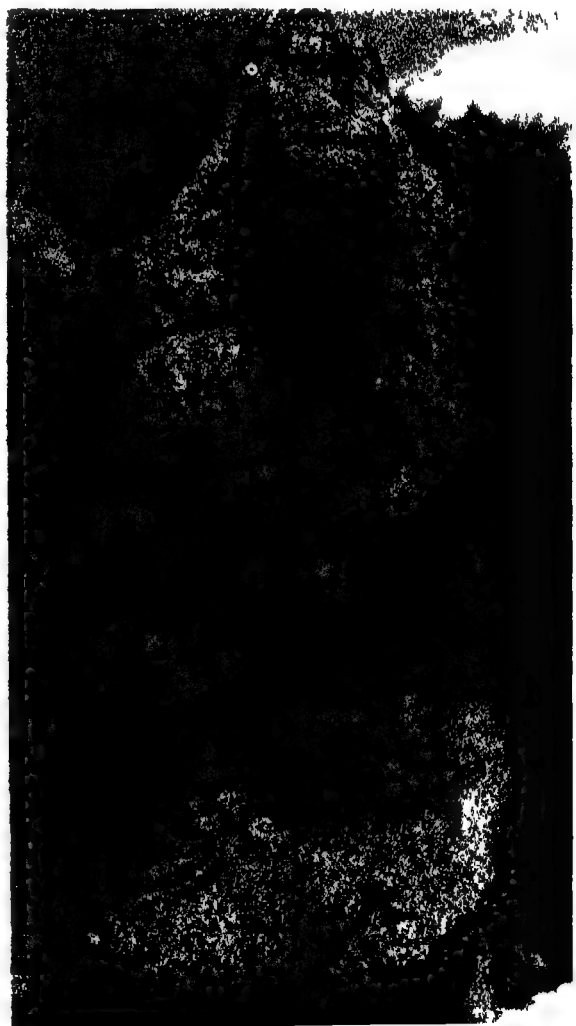


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64 Seated figure of an attendant Chola, 9th-10th century A D Chettipatti

64A Seated figure of an attendant Chola 9th/10th century A D Chettipatti

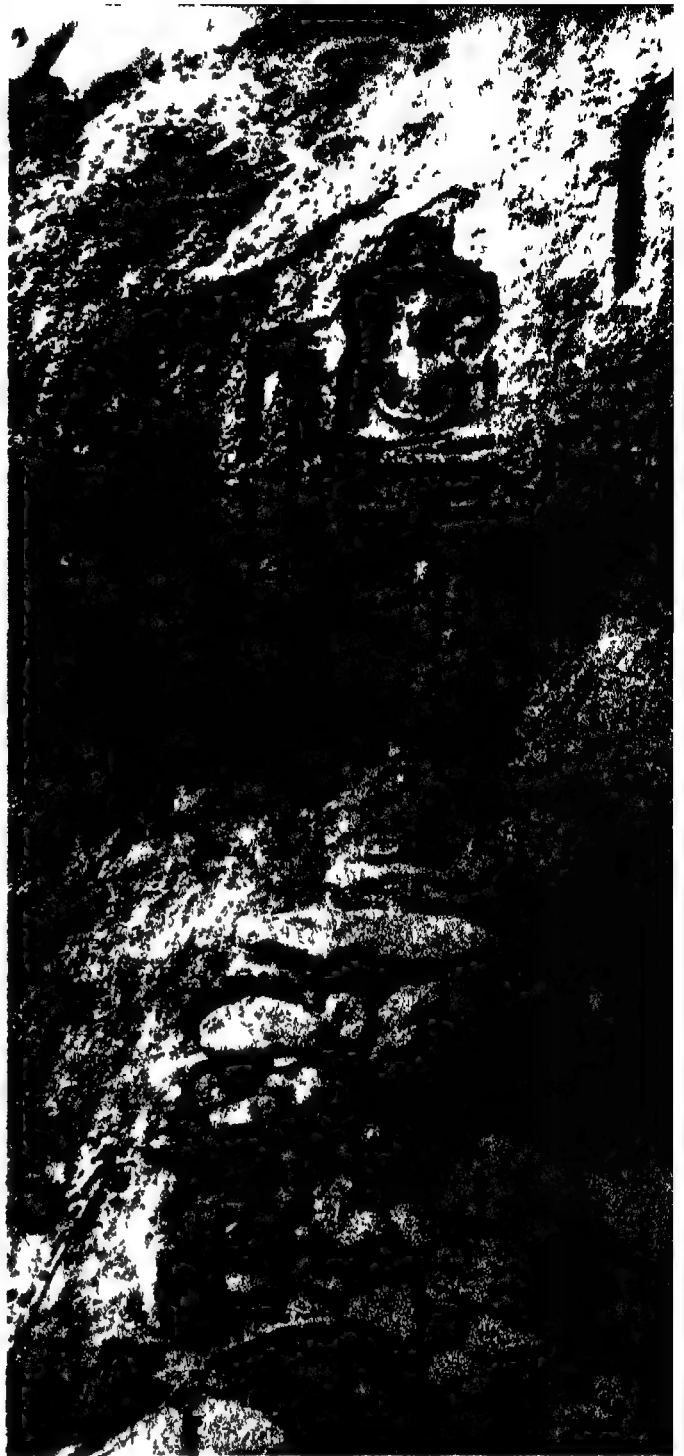
64B Seated figure of an attendant Chola 9th-10th century A D Chettipatti

64C Seated figure of an attendant Chola 9th-10th century A D , Chettipatti

65 Tirthankara seated with *chauri*-bearers rock-cut figure, from near Pudukkottai Chola, 9th-10th century A D

66 Seated Tirthankara with aureole lit by flames and triple umbrella above Pāndya, 8th-9th century A D , Arittipatti

Apart from the flames for the aureole, the pair of lumps on either side suggests auspiciousness



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In Malayadikkurichi in what is known as Pechchipallam there is a row of Jaina sculptures including one of Supārśvanātha. A Yakshī holding a lotus, probably Padmāvatī flanking the Tirthaṅkara, is another early rock-cut figure of interest here. These are accompanied by Vatteluttu inscriptions.

At Pechchippārai in Tirunelvelī district in the Pāndyan territory the unfinished Jaina cave temple of the late seventh century points to what could have been a fine example of Jaina rock-cut temple architecture in its earliest phase. That the cave remains unfinished is explained by the fact that the baby saint Tiruñānasambanda converted the Pāndyan king to the Śaiva faith. It also accounts for the conversion of several other early Jaina cave temples in this area into Śaiva ones. The cave temple at Malayadikkurichi is also an example of this type of conversion. The sculpture of the Yaksha on the elephant here apart from other human, animal and bird themes are Jaina.

Close to Madurai, the capital of the Pāndyas, almost within its outskirts, is the cave temple of Tirupparaṅkunram now a Śaiva one where appear Jaina vestiges.

The Ānamalai rock-cut temple with Jaina caverns and early inscriptions in Brāhmī script on the hill is an example of similar transformation. Instances can be multiplied in not only Madurai district but in Rāmanāthapuram, Tiruchirāpallī, Tirunelvelī districts, Pillaiyārpattī and Kunnakkudi in the first, Nārtāmalai, Kudimiyāmalai and Tiruchirāpallī in the second and Viraśikhāmanī and Kalugumalai in the last. In South and North Arcot districts also there have been transformations as in Dalavānūr in the former and Māmandūr in the latter.

The story associated with the temple at Anamalai itself is significant. Only eight miles from Madurai, the hill resembles a seated elephant with its trunk stretched forward between the forelegs. The legend associated with this hill is given in the *Tiruvīlayādal-purāṇam*. A band of Jaina ascetics invoked by their spells a huge elephant to destroy the city of Madurai. As the legend goes, Śiva used a lion-faced arrow to hit the elephant and petrified him. The rock-cut temple of Vishnu as Narasiṃha,

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67 & 68 Rock-cut temple of Siva, Pāndya, 8th-9th century A.D., Kalugumalai

The most magnificent rock-cut free-standing temple from the Pāndyan area, a miniature example recalling Kailāsa at Ellora





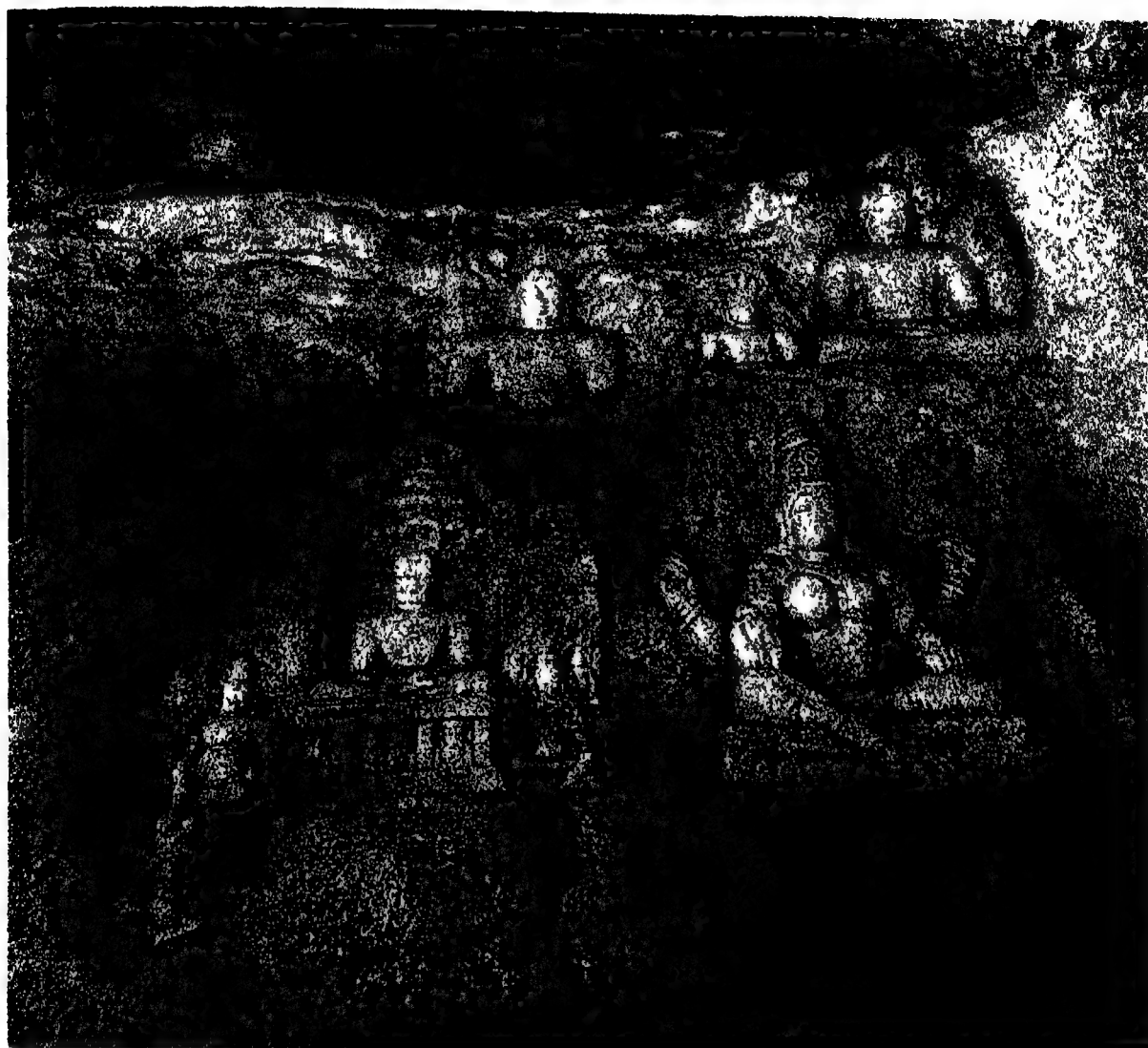
who became the arrow of Śiva as Vishnu himself for Tripurāntaka, gives significance to the Narasimha temple here. We may here recall that, in the fifteenth century painting of Tripurāntaka in the Virūpāksha temple, at Hampī it is Vishnu as the arrow of Śiva in Narasimha form shown destroying the castles of the Tripura demons. The Grantha and Vatteluttu inscriptions in Sanskrit and Tamil of A.D. 770 in the Ānamalai temple mention the chief minister, Uttaramantri of the Pāndya king Jatila Parāntaka Neduñjadayan, Madurakavi or Mārāṅgārī as he was popularly called, who completed the Narasimha shrine which was actually consecrated by his brother.

Though undoubtedly the most important and a gem of free standing rock-cut temple architecture, closely resembling the mid-eighth century Kailāsa temple at Ellora, is the Śiva temple at Kalugumalai, a Pāndya creation, not far from it is a large rock carved with Jaina figures of exquisite beauty resembling carvings on the monolith temple. Here there are large panels representing Tirthaṅkaras, flanked by attendants, seated on throne, each under his respective tree, with the triple umbrella over the head. Other panels show elaborately worked Yakshas and Yakshīs. One of the most beautiful panels here shows Dharanendra Yaksha and Padmāvati in a devotional mood attending on standing Pārśvanātha. The flexions in the case of these figures are indeed so charming that they add to the rhythmic arrangement of the whole composition. The panel of standing Pārśvanātha with the snake-hoods over his head is a gem of early Pāndya art, when we recall how, constrained as the sculptor is in his scope of any kind of embellishment for the figure to be represented strictly as a nude human form, he has succeeded in presenting it in such exquisite proportions and grace, even though the poise is a rigid one *samabhanga*, that again hardly gives any edge for the sculptor's introduction of aesthetic bends and curves as in other stances. Instead of merely arranging the snake coils behind him and the hoods over his head, it is shown in therianthropomorphic form as a Nāgarāja, a princely figure with his own hoods over the head canopying the Tirthaṅkara, a magnificent conception indeed. To the right above is Kamatha, the infernal temptor, the Satan of Jainism like Māra of Buddhism, with a large boulder lifted over his head not only to disturb the peace and penance of the Master but to smash the head itself. Dharanendra bows as Padmāvati gracefully holds up the parasol for the enlightened one. In addition to these, there are long rows of seated Tirthaṅkara figures repeating the complete hierarchy of Tirthaṅkaras three times over.

Another important panel at Kalugumalai which gives a charming figure of Ambikā standing, with her hand placed on the head of one of her dear sons, her lion beside her, the Yaksha to her right in a dynamic pose. Probably the most magnificent sculptures aesthetically in south India are those at Kalugumalai. The earliest Pallava ones at Sittannavāsāl are important more for their age that precedes these by more than a century but they are aesthetically of lesser quality. Even those at Tirakkol come only somewhat behind the Kalugumalai ones, the selfsame theme in the latter expressed in a rare aesthetic performance of the sculptor that excels. While this one is Pāndya the other is Pallava.

It must have been difficult for the sculptor who chiselled these panels at a great height on the boulder. We gaze on them from a lower angle than eye level. It is indeed an eloquent tribute to the aesthetic knowledge of the sculptor, that it was so conceived and executed, that this gallery of Jaina Tirthaṅkaras could be viewed by the observer without its getting dwarfed. It is also possible that the concept was to make the observer feel

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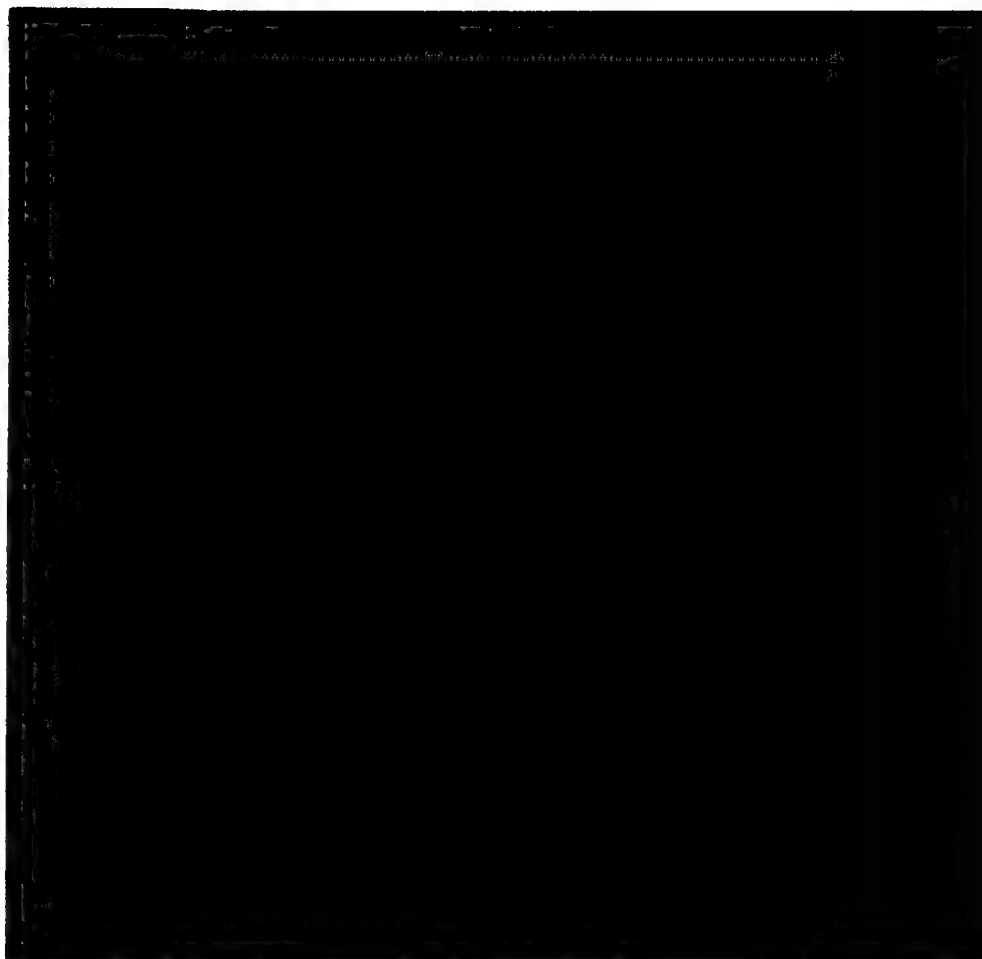
69 Śrūtadevi, Pallava-Chola transition, 8th-9th century A D , Vallimalai, Chittoor district, Āndhra Pradesh

70. Mahāvira seated flanked by attendants, Pallava, 8th century A D , Deviagaram, South Ārcot district, Govt Museum, Madras



71. Buddha seated flanked by Nāgarājas, Chola, c 1000 A D , Nāgapattinam, Govt Museum Madras

This is probably the most beautiful and exquisite figure in metal from all the Nāgapattinam bronzes and the tradition of representing the Master seated under the trees with attendants on either side behind the seat, a common theme for Buddha and Jaina figures is remarkably well done here as well as in the sculpture from Deviyagaram which should be compared



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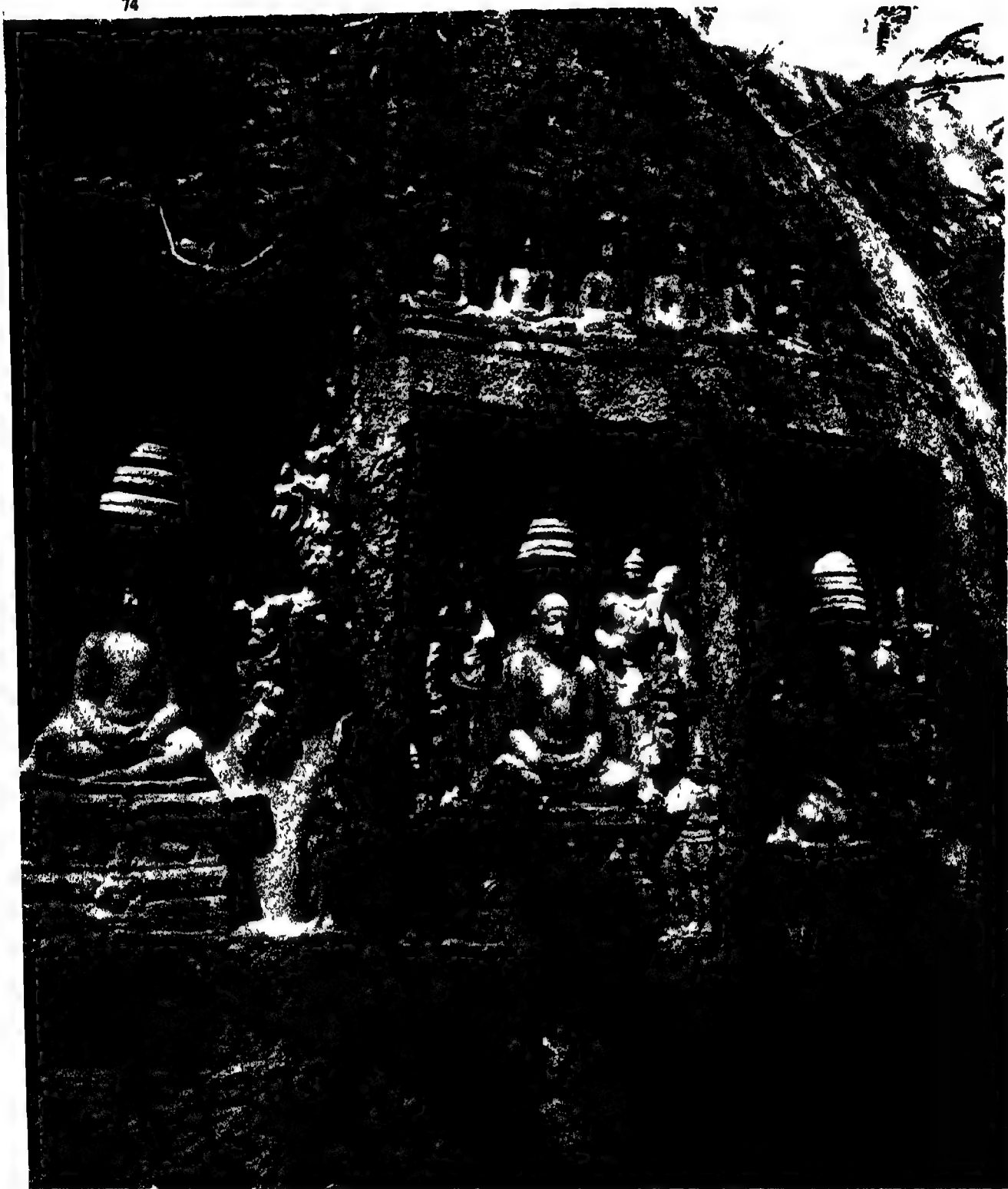


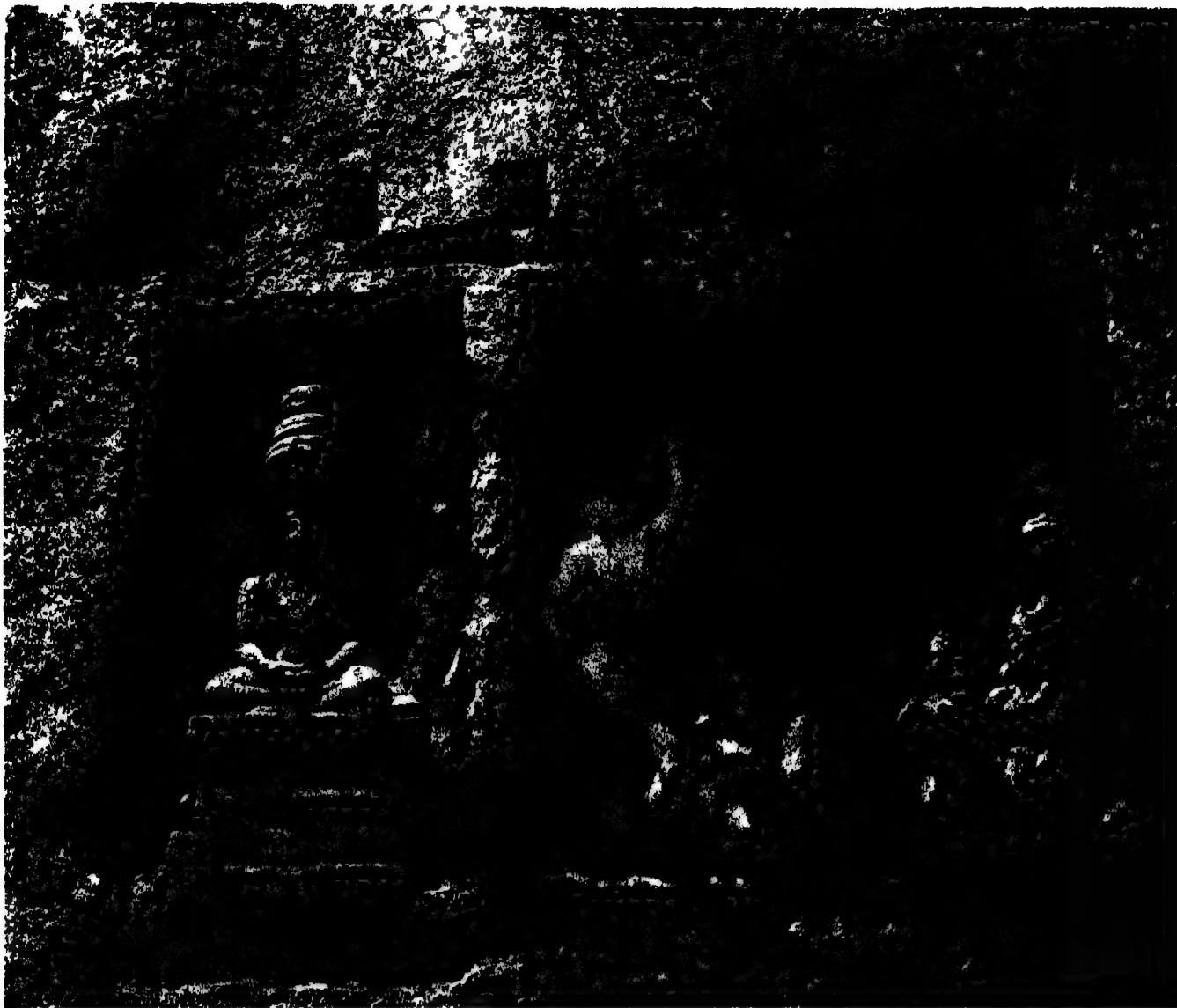
72. Row of Tirthankaras seated with inscription, 9th-10th century A D , Vallimalai, Chittoor district, Āndhra Pradesh

73. Two Tirthankaras with *chauri*-bearers, Mātanga Yaksha riding elephant to extreme right and Ambikā with her lion at the extreme left, Chola, 9th-10th century A D , Vallimalai

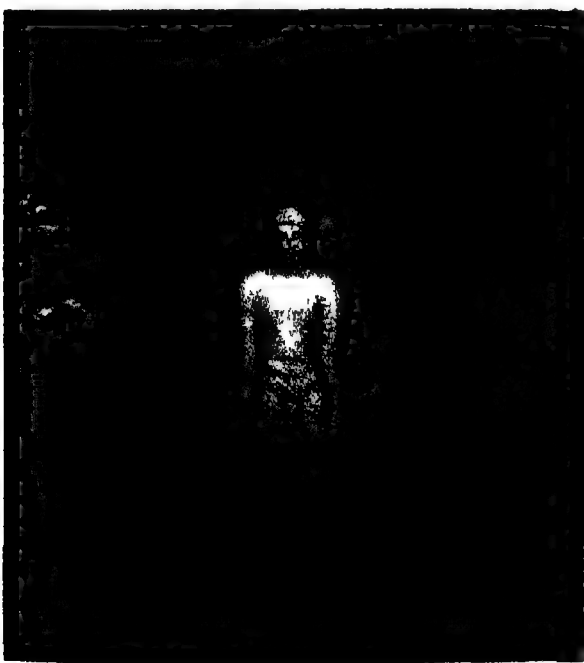
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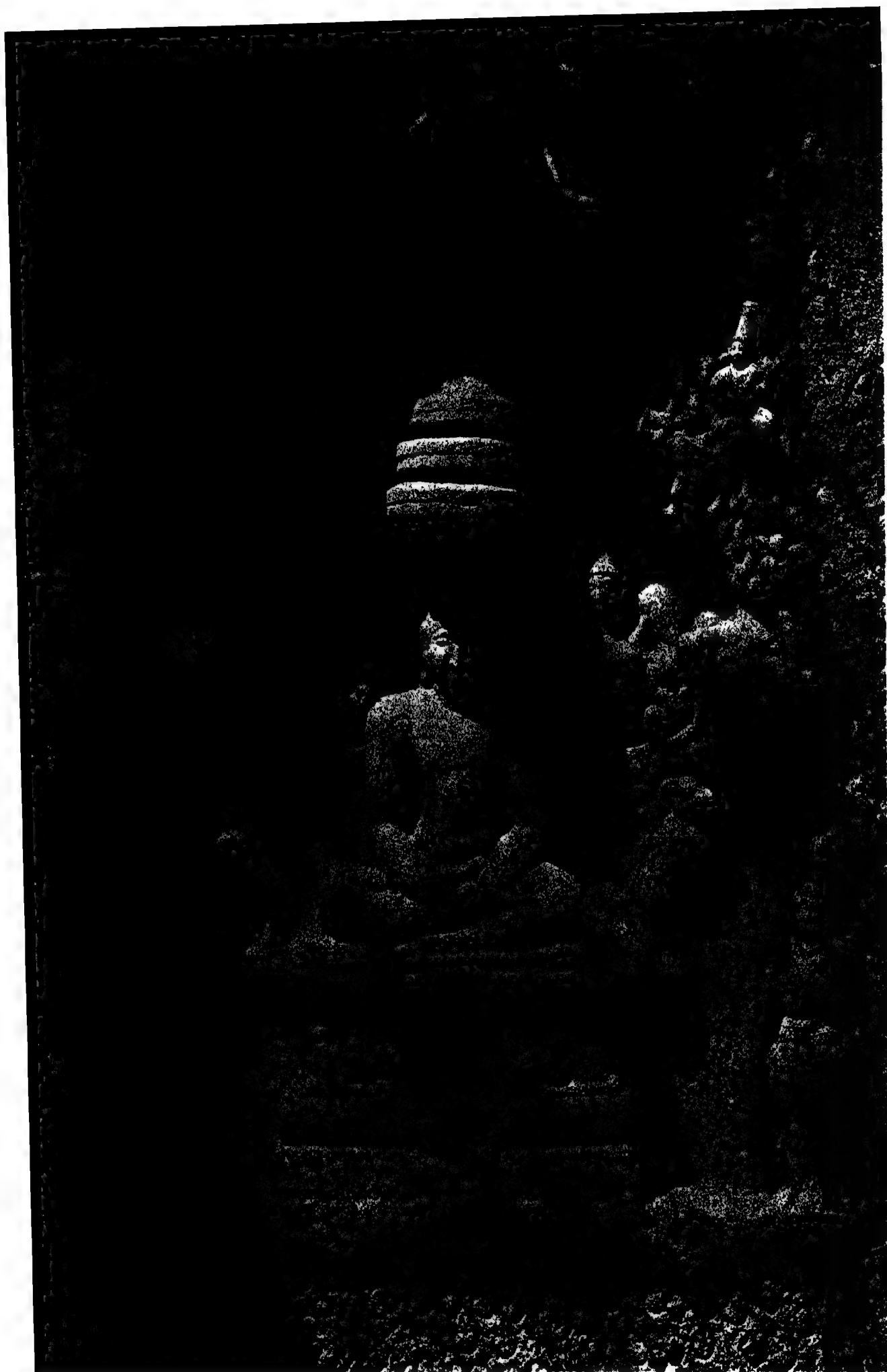
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74. View of boulder with
Jaina carvings of
Tirthankaras, Pāndya,
8th-9th century A D .
Kalugumalai

*The sculptured panels here
are among the exquisite
ones representing the best of
early Pāndyan art*

75. Ambikā, Pāndya,
8th-9th century A D .
Kalugumalai

76. Tirthankara,
Padmāvati, Dharanendra,
Pāndya, 8th-9th century
A D , Kalugumalai





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77. Mahāvira seated with *chauri*-bearers behind back-rest, triple umbrella and usual flying Vidyādhara above, Pāndya, 8th-9th century A D , Samanarmalai, Karadipatti

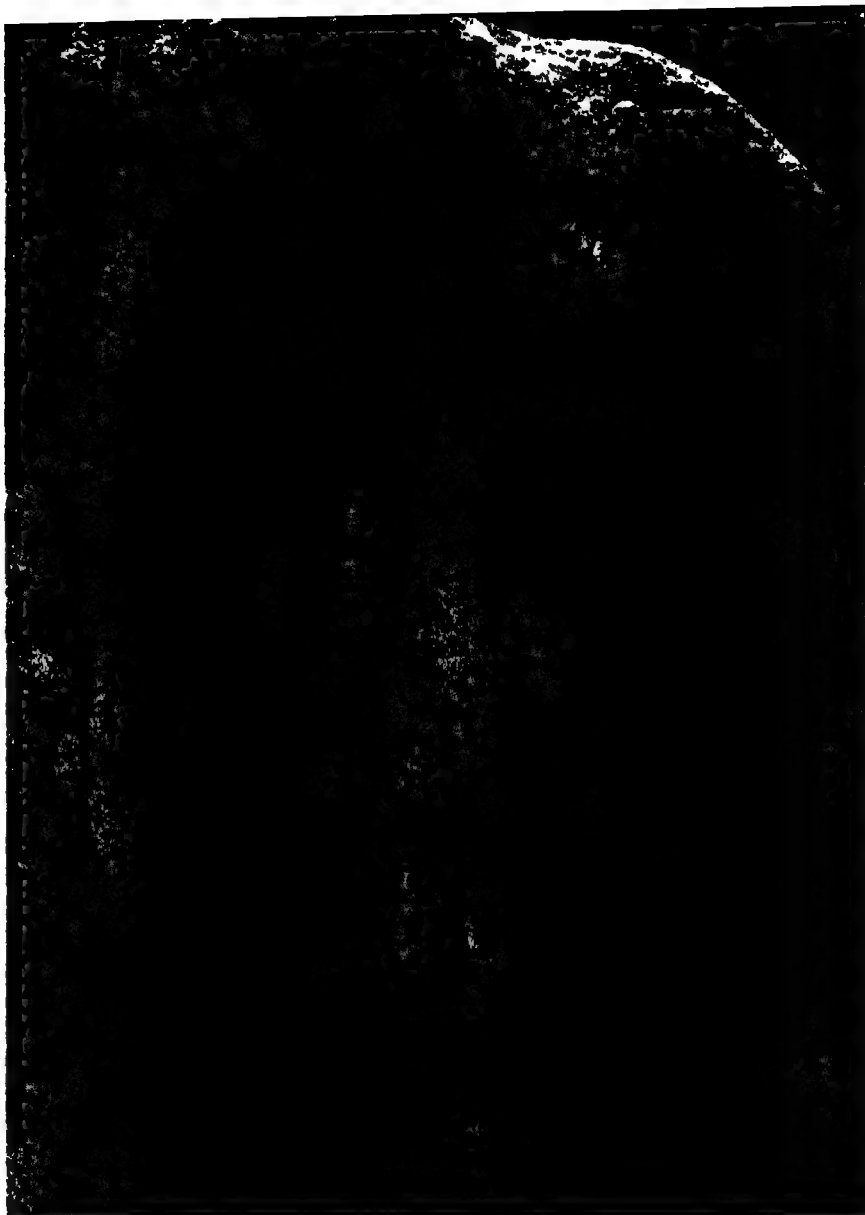
Luxuriant tree top is carved as a floriated canopy, a pleasing device

78. A row of seated Tirthankaras with large and prominent Ambikā towards one end, Pāndya, 8th-9th century A D , Samanarmalai, Karadipatti

79. Panel showing seated Tirthankara under the tree with attendant figures, Pāndya, 8th-9th century A D , Kalugumalai

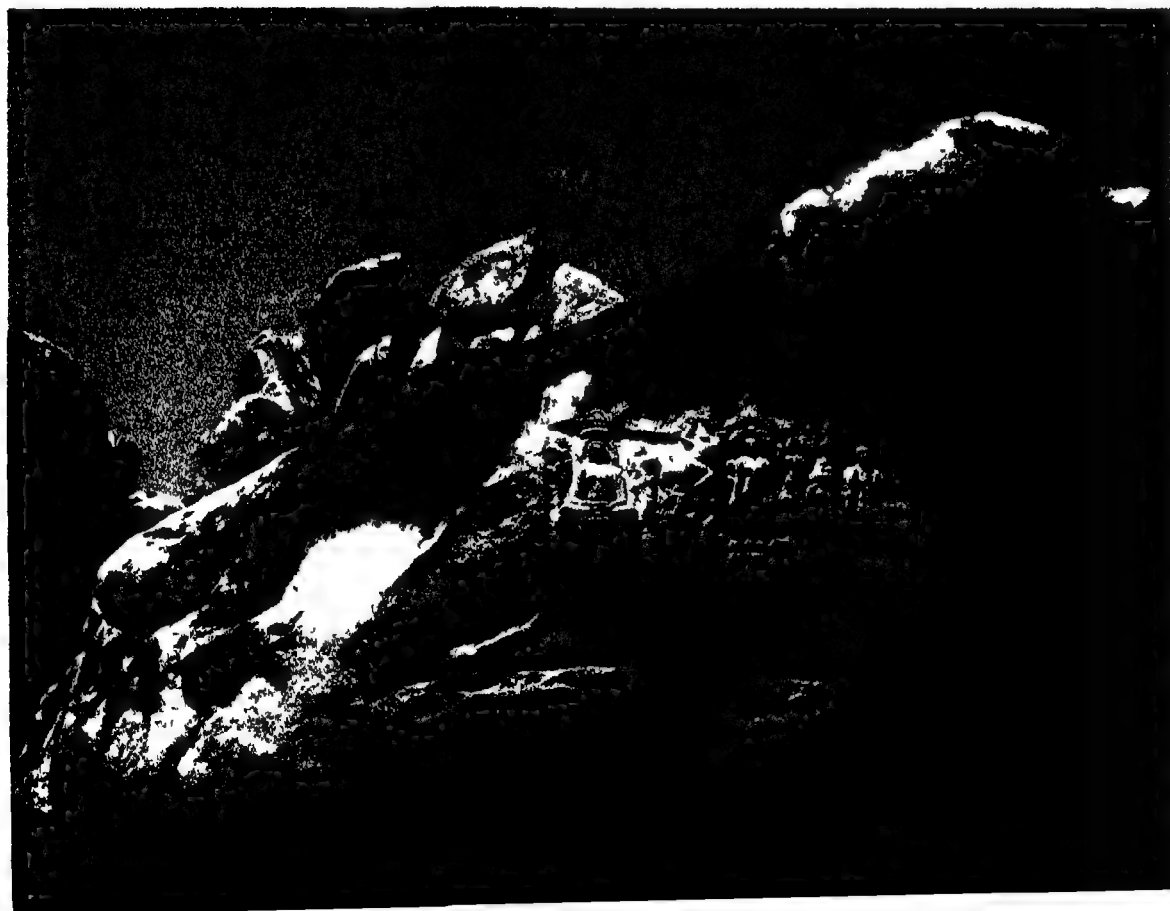
80. Kamatha's attack on
Pārśvanātha, Padmavati
and Dharanendra attending
on the Tirthankara
Pāndya, 8th-9th century
A D , Kāraikoyil

81 Group of rock-cut
Tirthankaras, Mahāvira
with flaming aureole,
flanked by attendants, and
Pārśvanātha attacked by
Kamatha and attended by
Padmāvati and
Dharanendra as also
Bāhubali in deep penance
flanked by his sisters,
Pāndya 8th-9th century
A D , Kāraikoyil



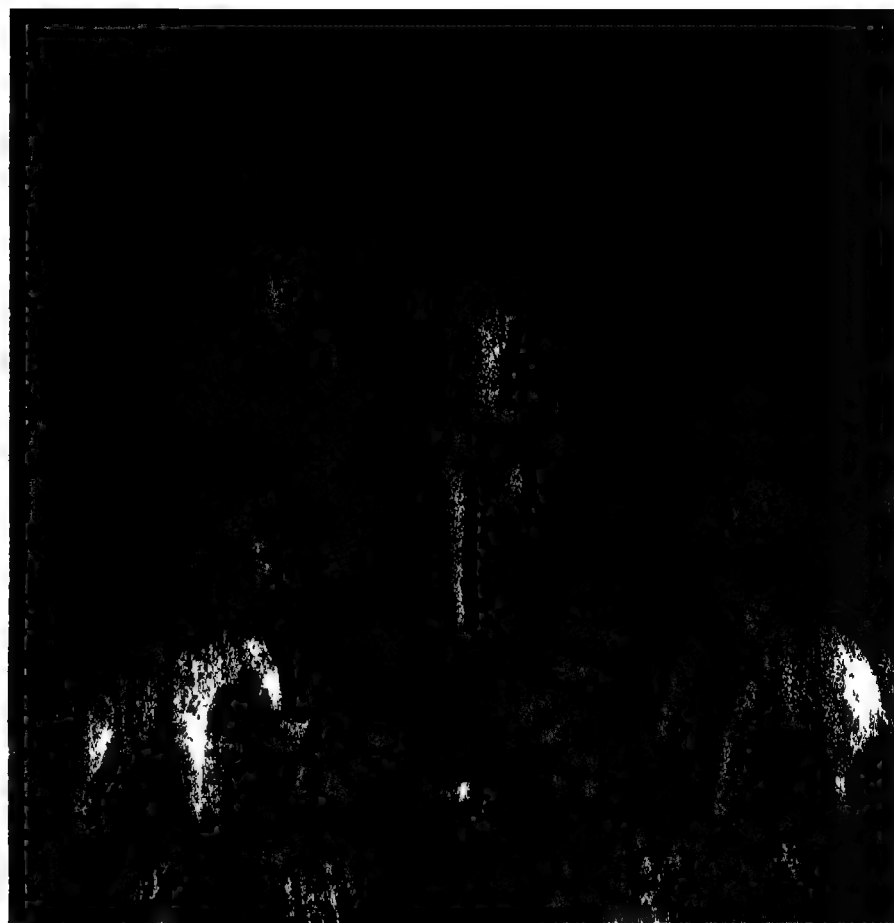
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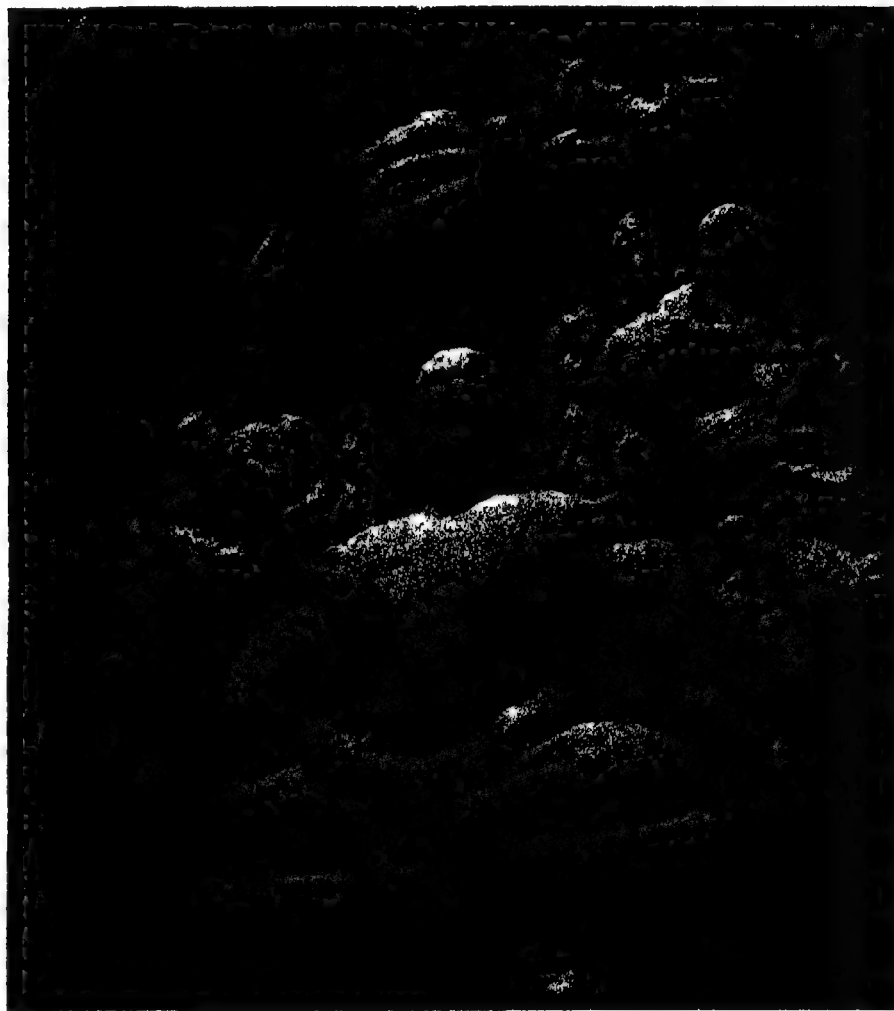
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82 Standing Tirthankara
Pārśvanātha flanked by
elephants at his foot,
Rāshtrakuta, 10th century
A D , Tirumalai

83 Standing Tirthankara
Pārśvanātha flanked by
elephants at his foot,
Rāshtrakūta, 10th century
A D , Tirumalai

84. Seated Mahāvira with
chauri-bearers flanking and
Vidyādhara above,
Pāndya, 8th century A D ,
Kilakuyilkudi, Madurai
district

This is an excellent carving



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85. Parsvanātha with zigzag coils behind him and snakehoods over his head. Dharanendra and Padmavati attending on the Tirthankara as Kamatha attacks him, Pandya, 9th century A D , Kilakuyilkudi

86. Seated Tirthankara with flying whisks on either side instead of *chauri*-bearers and aureole of flames, Pandya, 8th-9th century A D , Kilavalavu

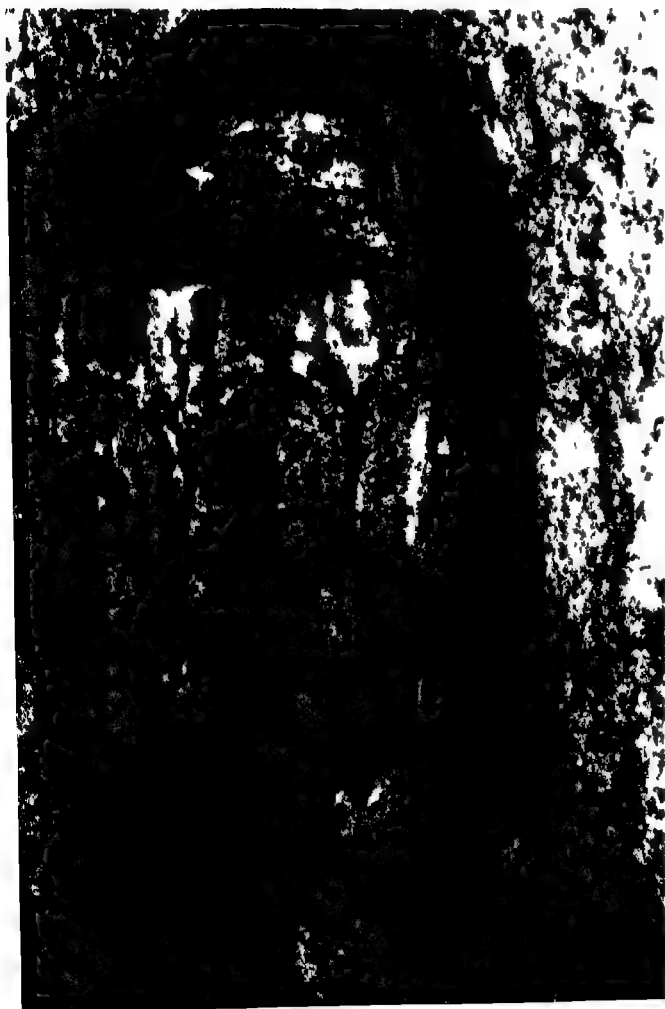
87. Bāhubali flanked by his sisters. Chola, 11th century A D , Tirumalai



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dwarfed in front of it, suggesting the heights of knowledge and wisdom reached by the Jaina saints and savants

Here is a large rock-cut panel with the central figure of standing Pārśvanātha, snake hoods sheltering his head, the triple umbrella, *makara-torana* in four arches above and a pair of Vidyādhara holding garland offerings in great devotion, and seated figures of four Tīrthaṅkaras two on either side, arranged one above the other as a large single composition. An equally large rock-cut panel is of a seated Tīrthaṅkara, Vardhamāna with *chaurī*-bearers flanking his seat-back and Vidyādhara and other celestials above in adoration, carved in great detail and elegance with an exceedingly fine seated Ambikā under the mango tree, her child on her lion, carved in a niche, in the elegance of the eighth-ninth century A.D. style

It is natural that the king having been a Jaina, the influence of Jainism continued. Several boulders in the neighbourhood of Madurai are rich in carvings of Jaina themes. At Arittapattī is a beautiful seated sculpture of Tīrthaṅkara in a sunk niche seated on a *padmapūṭha* with an oval aureole around head lit up by flames composed by triple-umbrella and flanked by a pair of lamps just against the back rest to suggest auspiciousness.

The hillock composing the large natural cavern at Karaḍipattī carries large rock-cut carvings in sunk niches. A note-worthy one is Tīrthaṅkara Mahāvīra, seated on lion throne with aureole decorated with flames around his head, *chaurī*-bearers on either side behind the back rest, three umbrellas above, and flying Vidyādhara fluttering on either side of the luxuriant tree top arranged as a floriated canopy. The hill itself is called Samanarmalai, with a series of carvings of seated Tīrthaṅkaras and a large and prominent Ambikā.

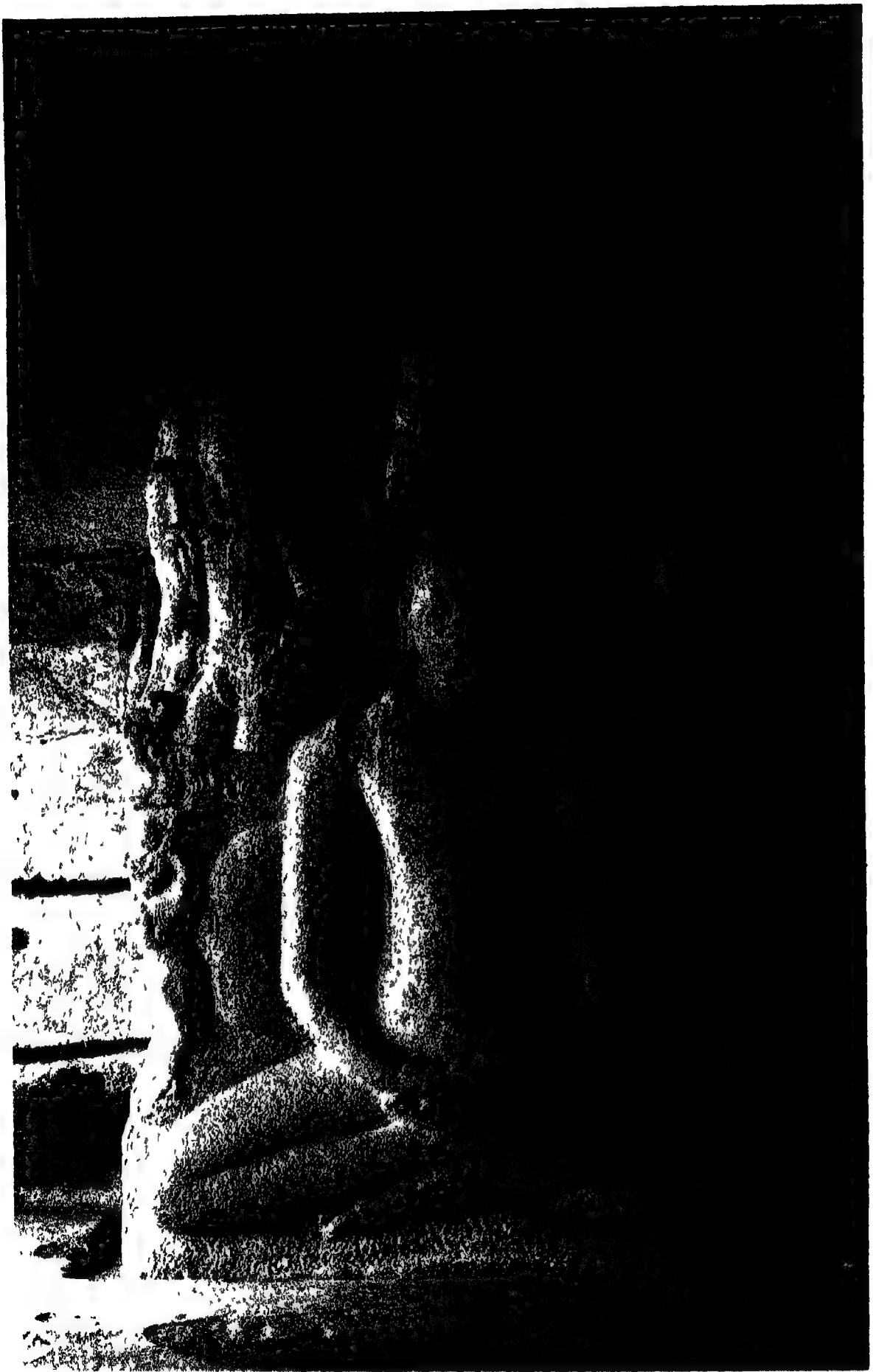
A boulder at Kilavalavu gives a rock-cut seated Tīrthaṅkara in a sunk niche with the usual features, the two lamps on either side being specially noteworthy, above which instead of the *chaurī*-bearers in anthropomorphic form the flywhisks are shown somewhat inclined towards the three umbrellas above to match them artistically. The aureole with flame is present around the head. It is fine early Pāṇḍya sculpture of the ninth century not far in date from the carvings at Kalugumalai. The large serpent below with its length stretched against the seat indicates the Tīrthaṅkara as Pārśvanātha.

The huge rock with carvings on it at Kāraikoyil presents another very interesting group. Carvings in niches sunk in the rock illustrate a seated Tīrthaṅkara, Mahāvīra with the usual flaming aureole, attendants on either side from behind the back rest and the three umbrellas above. The attack by Kamatha on Pārśvanātha standing in *kāyotsarga* is not unlike the usual mode noticed elsewhere as at Tirakkol and other places and even at Kalugumalai. Padmāvatī and Dharanendra are in attendance on either side as usual. Beyond these is Bahubali in deep penance standing unaware of the anthill and creepers in wild growth entwining his legs and flanked by his sisters Brāhmī and Sundarī.

From Kilakayilkudi also in the Madurai area, there is a magnificent rock-cut Mahāvīra seated, a flaming aureole around his head, charming *chaurī*-bearers on either side and Vidyādhara fluttering in great devotion, almost touching the triple-umbrella above. The carving is aesthetically of a high order and should be assigned to the ninth century. From the same place are two more representations, one a Pārśvanātha with snake coils zigzagging behind him and the hoods above his head, enshrined in a niche with an arch above topping the pilasters on either side, the other, a repetition of all the details described above, in addition to Kamatha's

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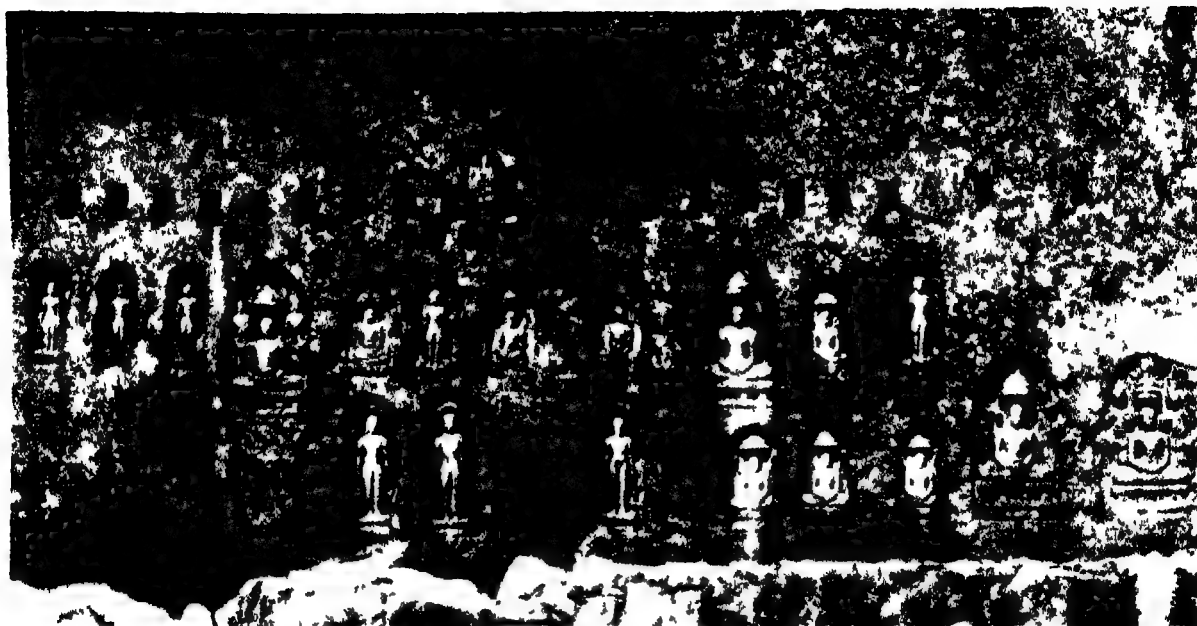




88. Seated Tirthankara
with *chauri* bearers, Chola,
11th century A D
Tirumalai

89 Imposing figure of
Ambikā with her left foot
on the head of her lion and
accompanied by a child to
the right Chola 12th
century A D Tirumalai





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90 A series of rock-cut figures including seated and standing Tirthankaras Yakshas and Yakshis Pāndva 9th century A D , Uttamapālayam Madurai district

91 Parsvanatha standing Pāndva 9th century A D Kilakuvilkudi



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attack, Dharanendra and Padmāvatī on either side, the large snake hoods canopying the master from above. The vestiges of Jaina art scattered at so many spots in this area is again evident in Tirthaṅkaras in a row carved on a boulder of Śamanarmalai in Kilakuyilkudi.

At Uttamapālayam there is a long series of rock-cut carvings representing ninth-tenth century work of both seated and standing Tirthaṅkaras, the latter mostly Pārśvanāthas with the serpent hoods above.

Tirumalai in North Arcot district has very interesting rock-cut carvings, a little later than this transitional period, the tenth century. There are inscriptions here of the Chola Parāntaka I as well as of Rashtrakūta Krishna III both of the first half of the tenth century. Here are examples of rock-cut carving with masonry structural additions of items of temple architecture. The elephant on either side of the standing Tirthaṅkara flank Pārśvanātha. There are also fine carvings representing Neminātha and Mallinātha, Pārśvanātha and Mahāvīra, Yakṣī Ambikā and Dharmādevī carved spiritedly. Paintings, though fragmentary, represent both late Chola and Vijayanagara styles.

There is a panel of Bāhubali here flanked by his sisters which should be assigned to about the eleventh century. The cobra with hood lifted up is a single one to the right, unlike a pair, earlier noticed elsewhere. Vidyādhara in groups, above and at the terminals of the arch, separating earth and heaven, indicate the sphere of Bāhubali with the celestials above. This is a noteworthy carving, a fine rock-cut one, later included in the Neminātha temple. A loose sculpture of Mahāvīra, seated under the tree with flaming arch around his head, *chauri*-bearers on either side behind the back-rest supported by prancing lions, is in the best tradition of the eleventh century.

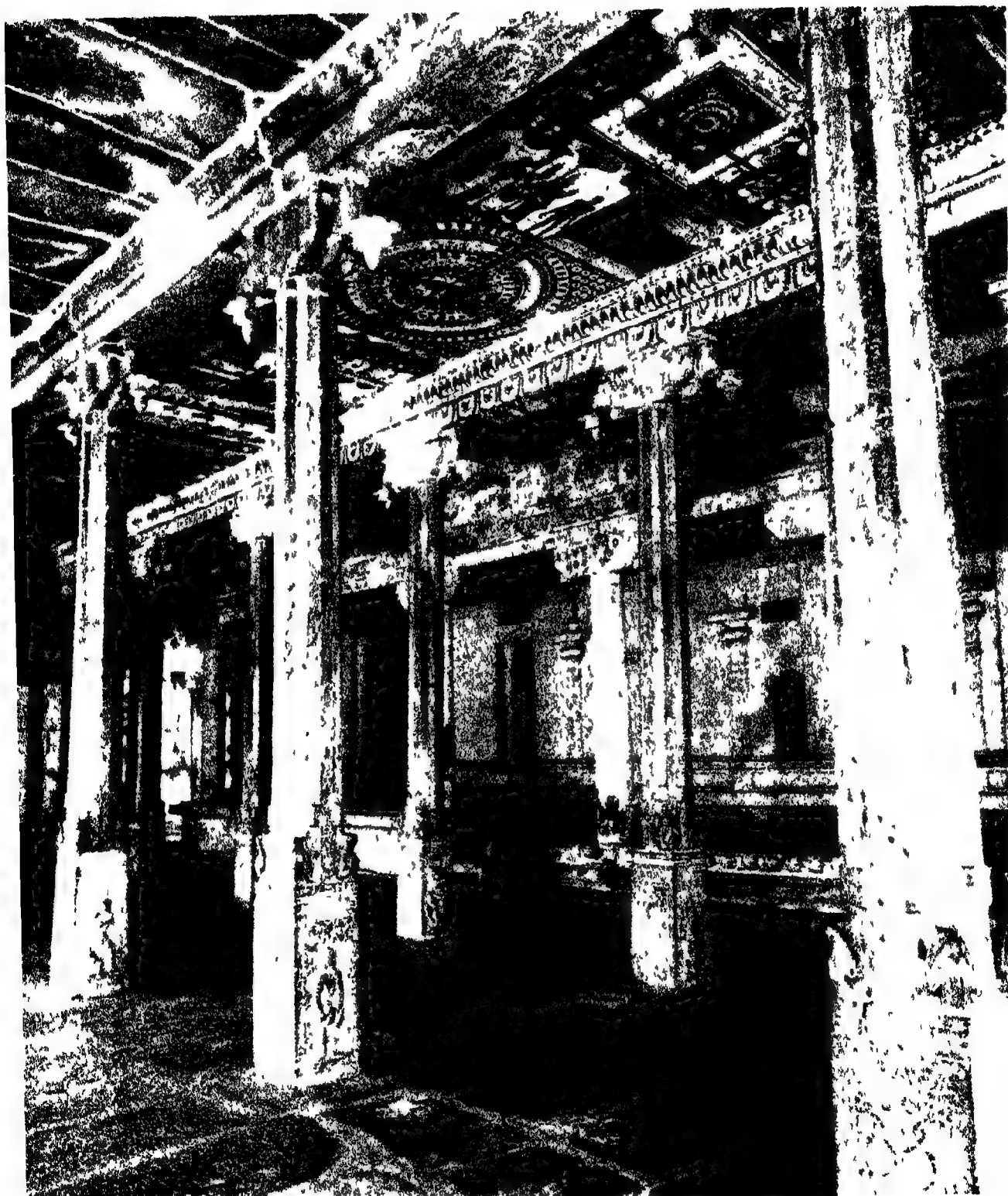
On the way to the Pārśvanātha temple the imposing rock-cut figure of Ambikā, with her left foot on the head of the lion, her attendant to her left, and children to the right, has to be assigned to the twelfth century. The paintings here are fragmentary, the earlier ones belonging to the eleventh century, and the later ones in the sanctuary of the Neminātha temple, showing Jaina monks adored by lay worshippers, being of Vijayanagara date, contemporary with those from Tirupparuttikkunram.

How Jaina architecture follows the general principles as closely as Hindu is illustrated not only in the cave carving at Sittannavāśal in the earlier period but also in the later period in Tirumalai, Tirupparuttikkunram and other places. The *śālabhaṅjikā* form of Gaṅgā flanking the gateway of the *gopura* in the earliest Vijayanagara style from Tiruvadigai is very charming indeed, and can be compared with the similar carving from the Chintala Rāmaswāmī temple in Cuddapah. The charm of nymphs, Gana dwarfs, Tirthaṅkaras, deities and other representation to decorate *kūdus*, *kūtas*, *śālās* etc. as architectural decoration is evident in Chāmundarāya *basadi* in Sravanabelagola. The shrine with its walls provided with alternating *devakoshthas* and *pañjaras* roofed by *śālās* and *kūdus* respectively, the petals of the *padma* decoration of the pilasters, the *kūdus*, the rows of *vyālas* and *bhūtas* and other elements of decoration of the plinth, pillar, pilaster, niche, roof are all in the Vijayanagara norm, as seen in the Jaina temple of Ādinātha at Vilukkam in South Arcot. The *saṅgīta-mandapa* at Tirupparuttikkunram, the apsidal roof of the shrines *gajapriṣṭhākāra-vimānas* on either side of a circular central *kūta* shrine are all in the same tradition of the Vijayanagara phase.

Though the Chera area is not so rich in its output of Jaina art, it cannot be denied that Chitarāl and some places in Kanyakumārī district have

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92. A view of *sangita mandapa*, with ceiling painted profusely, Vijayanagara, 16th century A D , Tirupparuttikkunram

93 Ganga on doorway jamb recalling *salabhuṅgikā* form as usual in the *gopuras* in south India, Vijayanagara, 16th century A D , Tiruvadigai

93A Ganga on doorway also recalling *śālabhuṅgikā* in Jaina temple, Vijayanagara, Melkittāmur South Arcot district



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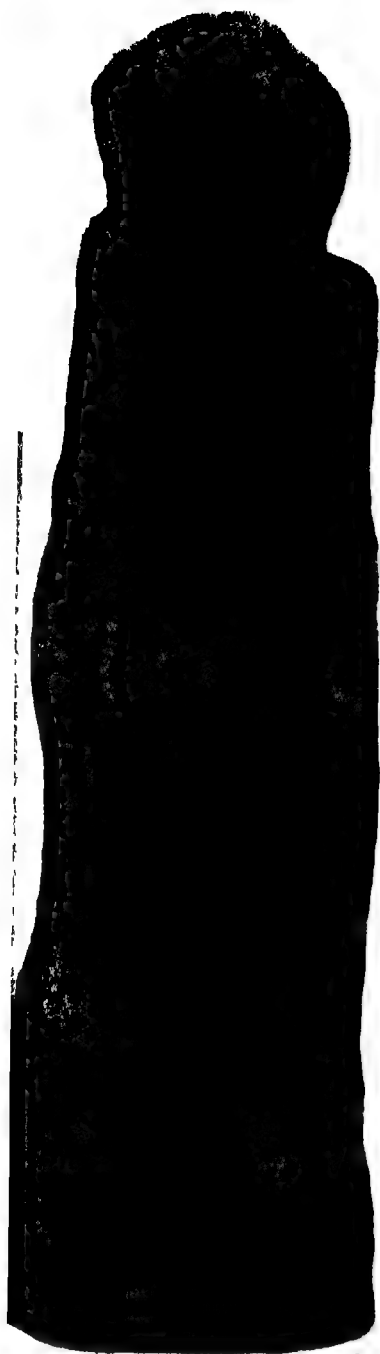
94. Pārsvanātha canopied by snake hoods and triple umbrella over his head, attended by Padmavatī and Dharanendra, Chera, 8th-9th century A D Chitarāl

95 A series of rock-cut carving of Tirthankaras and Yakshis, early Chera, 8th-9th century A D Chitarāl

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96 Pārśvanātha standing,
Chera 10th century A D ,
Godāpuram, Irichur
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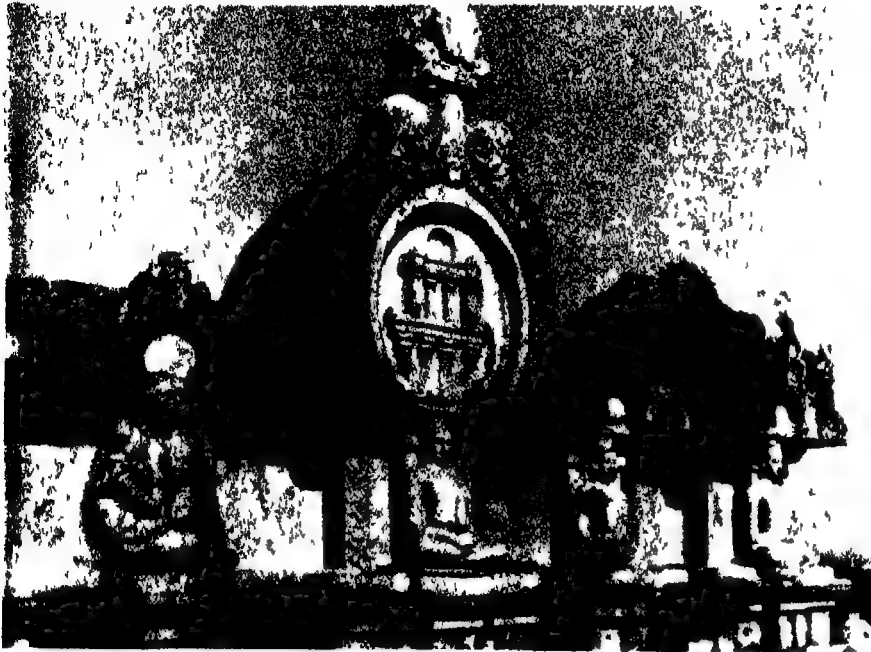


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97 Shrine wall with
attenuated *devakoshtha*
and *pañjaras*, roofed by
śālās and *kūdus*,
Vijayanagara, 16th century
A D , Adinātha temple,
Villukkam, South Arcot
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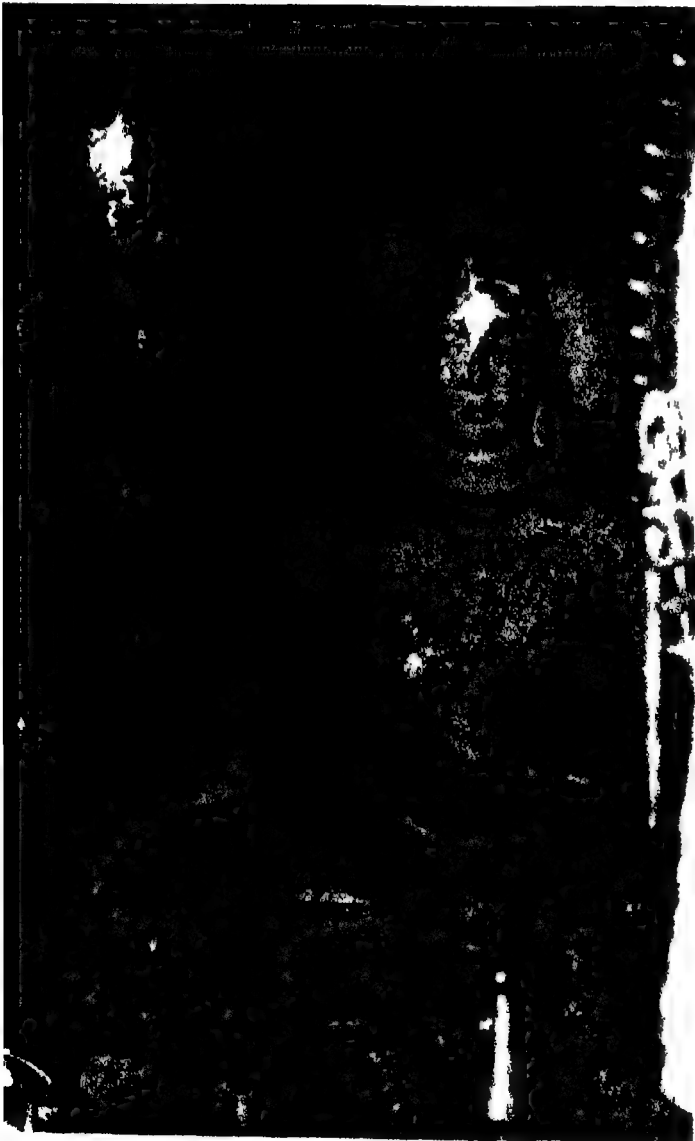
98. Rows of *kūtas*, *kūdus* and *bhūtas*, Chāmundaṛāya *hasadi*, Sravanabelagola, Chālukya-Chola, 11th century A D

99. Seated Tirthankara flanked by *chauri*-bearers, rock-cut in a cave now converted into a Śiva shrine, Chera, 8th-9th century A D , Kallil, Kerala

It is an excellent example of early Chera work

100 Tirthankara seated, rock-cut 9th-10th century A D , Kallil, Kerala

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prominent rock-cut carvings of the ninth century. There are seated Tirthaṅkaras canopied by the triple-umbrella, Pārśvanātha distinguished by the snake-hoods over his head and the attendant celestials including Padmāvatī and Dharaṇendra and flanking Vidyādhara in worshipful attitude. These are important for the understanding of Jaina sculptural art of this part of the country which was the ancient Āy territory forming part of ancient Chera itself. In the eighth-ninth centuries Jainism had its hold in Kerala and inscriptions near the Jaina *basadi* at Talakkāvu in Cannanore district indicate important Jaina vestiges discussed by Gopinatha Rao. Earlier rock-cut boulders at Pugalur in Tiruchirāpallī district with the inscription of the second century A.D. point to Jaina occupation through names mentioned, Cheṅkāyappan, a Jaina monk for whom was cut a rock-bed by the grandson of a Chera king Ko-Atan Cheral Irumporai. Though several other miscellaneous Jaina carvings have been discovered in other places, like the Chaturmukha *basadi* on circular *pīṭha* from Bangra Mañjēśvara in Cannanore district, some of them headless, as at Pālghāt, it is mainly at Chitarāl and also at Kallil that the Jaina vestiges are really prominent. The Jaina rock-cut boulder at Kaḷḷil in Ernākulam district is an early one which was later transformed into a Hindu shrine for Bhagavatī. A seated figure of Mahāvīra, with flanking attendant *chaurī*-bearers and triple umbrella over head, as well as Padmāvatī, are found carved on the rock here. The Yakshī however is now adored as Bhagavatī as pointed out by Gopinatha Rao. This area belonged to the Āy monarchs as indicated by a donative inscription of Vikramāditya Varaguna of the ninth-tenth century A.D.

A rare sculpture illustrating a popular Jaina Tirthaṅkara is Pārśvanātha standing in stately elegance of early tenth century, which though very much worn by the very nature of the material chosen for carving like many of the Pallava carvings of Kāñchīpuram in inferior sandstone, is nevertheless characterised by a rare simplicity and grace. This image from Godāpuram is preserved in the Trichūr Museum.

The Nāgarāja temple at Nāgarkoil also in Kanyākumārī district, has given some Jaina carvings along with late Brāhmanical ones dateable to the sixteenth century. It is no wonder as we find a similar case in Vidyasaṅkara shrine at Srīngerī where in the fourteenth century this process is evident. Earlier sculptures of Pārśvanātha have been later mistaken for Ādiśeṣha of Viṣṇu as pointed out by Gopinatha Rao.

Maṅgaleśa's Vaishnava cave temple at Bādāmī is the best known and the loveliest, also the largest in the group of early Western Chalukya temples carved meticulously in a long mountain scarp that was as it were a fortification for the city itself. It is well known how Maṅgaleśa lovingly got this temple carved in the rock with its magnificent renderings of panels of Viṣṇu in different forms in colossal proportions, exceeding double human size, *atidvaimānushya*, as mentioned in the inscription there, and made over the merit to his brother in heaven. To the seventh century belongs the last cave in the series which is a Jaina one. The facade shows four massive pillars and two pilasters that support the front *mandapa* or the verandah which leads to the inner one divided by an equal number of columns. Further up is the shrine. The first *mandapa* is divided into five parts at the ceiling which is embellished with typical Chālukyan themes. The central one here has the theme of the flying Vidyādhara, the usual ceiling decoration of which the finest from Aihole are two large ones now in the National Museum. A Nāgarāja with his coils entwining him and forming a multi-coil pattern of great beauty is noteworthy. The inspiration for this is to be seen on the ceiling of the adjacent Vaishnava cave.

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101 Jaina carvings freely used at themes in Brāhmanical temples as for instance in the Vidyāśankara temple, Vijayanagara, 14th century A D , Sringeri

102. Close up of above

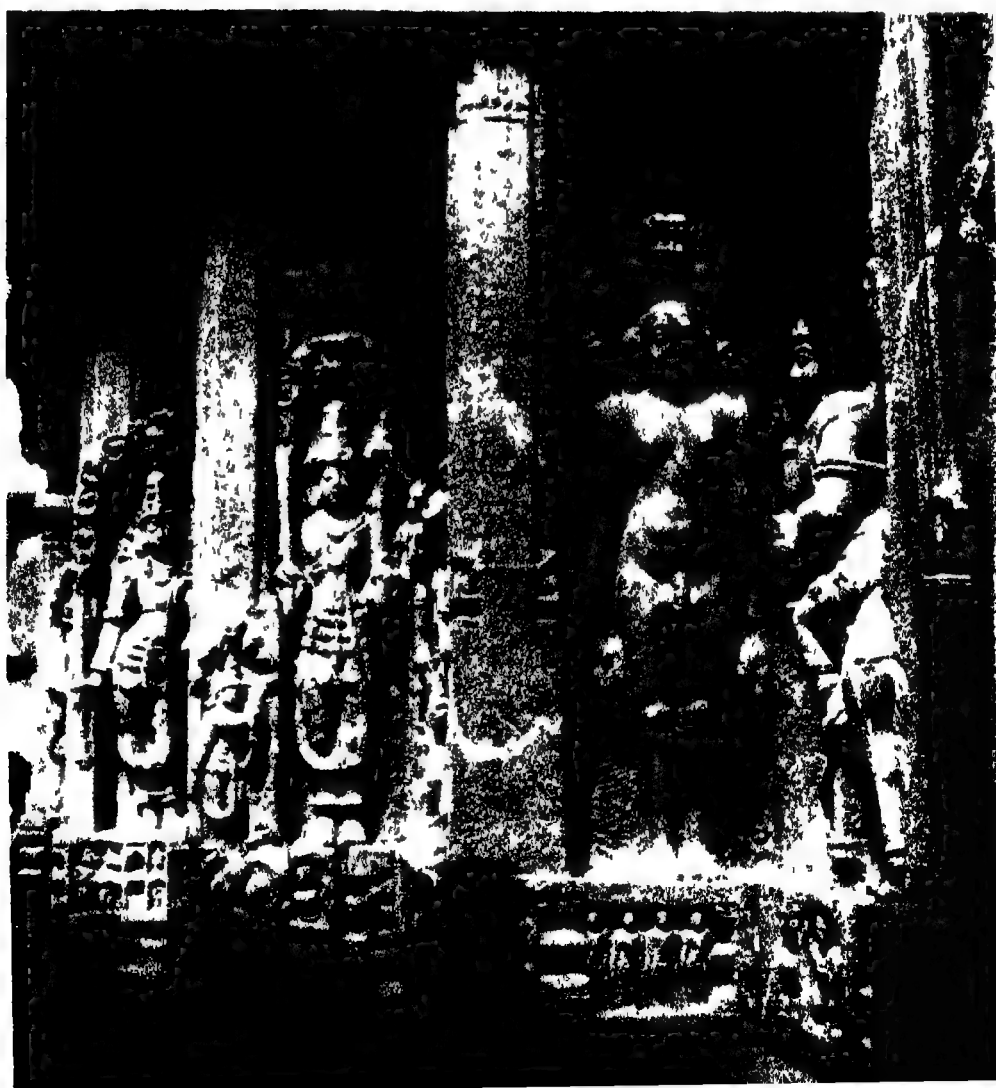
103 Close up of above

104 View of Viranārayana temple showing Hindu and Jaina images used as themes together, Chālukya 12th century A D



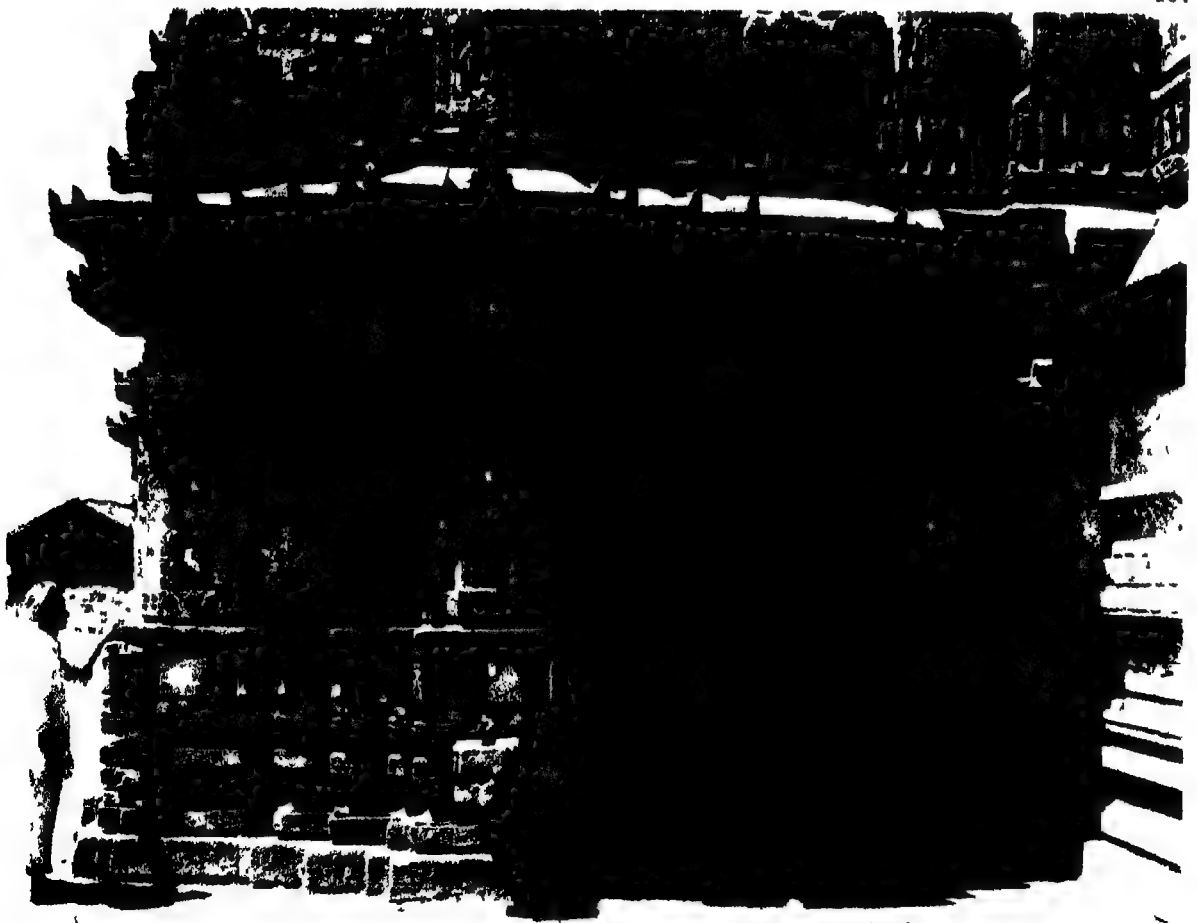
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105. Rāma Lakshmana
and Hanumān in Hosa
basadi Nāyaka, 17th
century A D , Moodbidri

106. Doorway of
Galatēśvara temple with
Tirthankara figure in the
middle of lintel, Western
Chālukya, 11th-12th
century A D , Angur,
Bellary district





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107. Flying Vidyādhara as ceiling decoration, Western Chālukya 7th century A D , Bādāmi

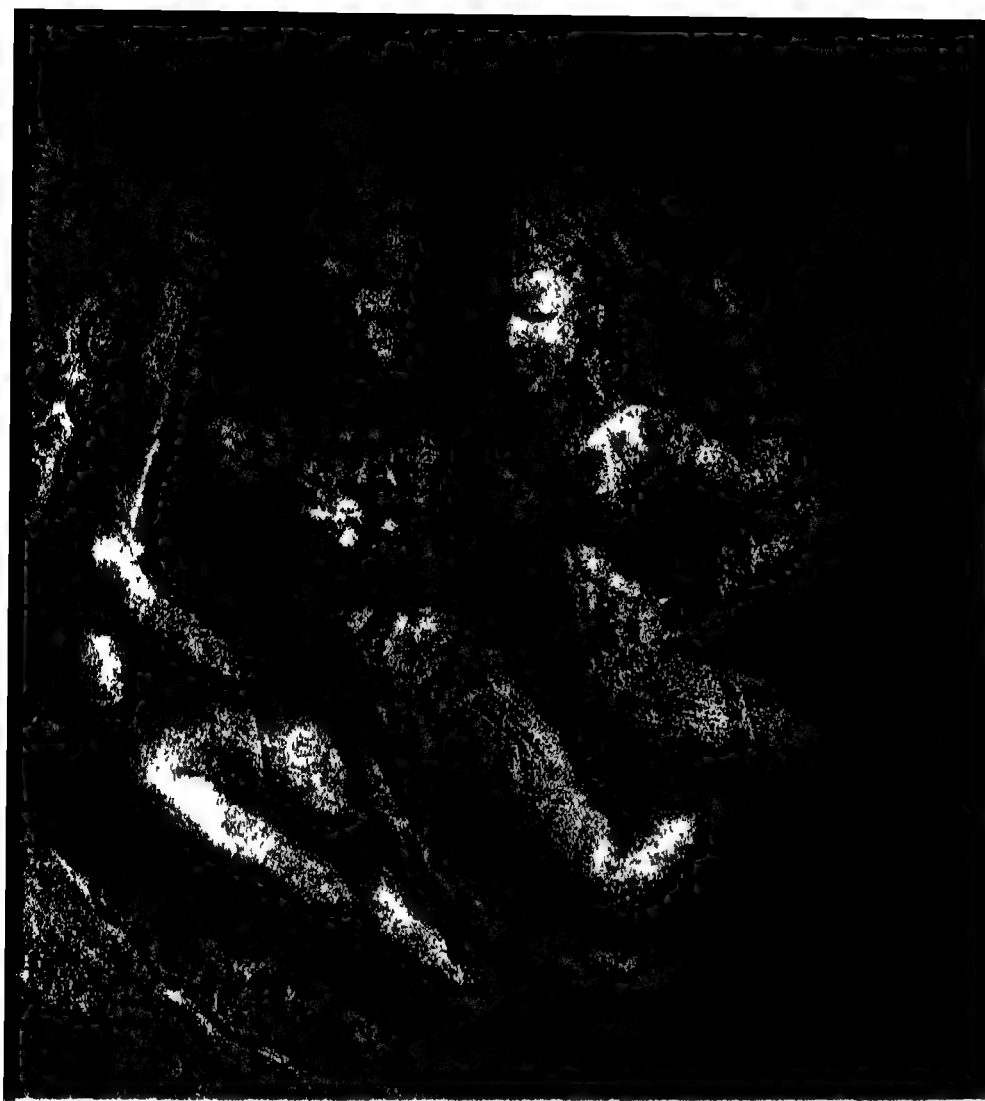
108 Flying Vidyādhara Western Chālukya, 6th century A D , Aihole National Museum, Delhi

The usual ceiling decoration. Probably the most lovely Chālukya rendering of the theme anywhere in Karnātaka or Mahārāshtra and among the two nearly identical figures in the National Museum, this has the appearance of movement of the clouds, the wind-filled upper garment moving along like sails is probably the most effective

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109. Flying Vidyādhara as ceiling decoration, Western Chālukya, 7th century A D , Bādāmi

110. View of Jaina cave, Western Chālukya, 7th century A D , Bādāmi

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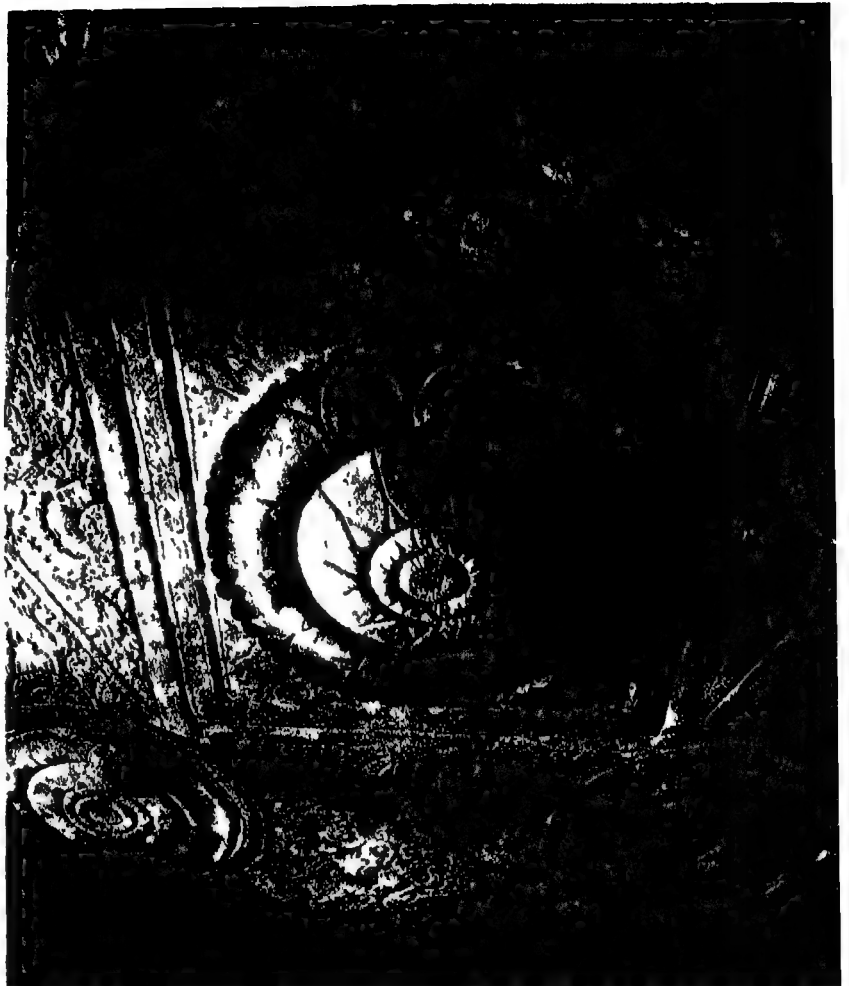
111. Ceiling showing blooming lotus and other patterns of auspicious objects like pair of fish. Western Chālukya, 7th century A D . Aihole

112 Circle of fish with mouths directed to the central hub a full blown lotus theme from ceiling. Western Chālukya, 6th century A D , Cave 2, Bādāmi

This is another favourite motif in early Chālukya temples which is commonly used in Brāhmanical and Jaina temple ceilings

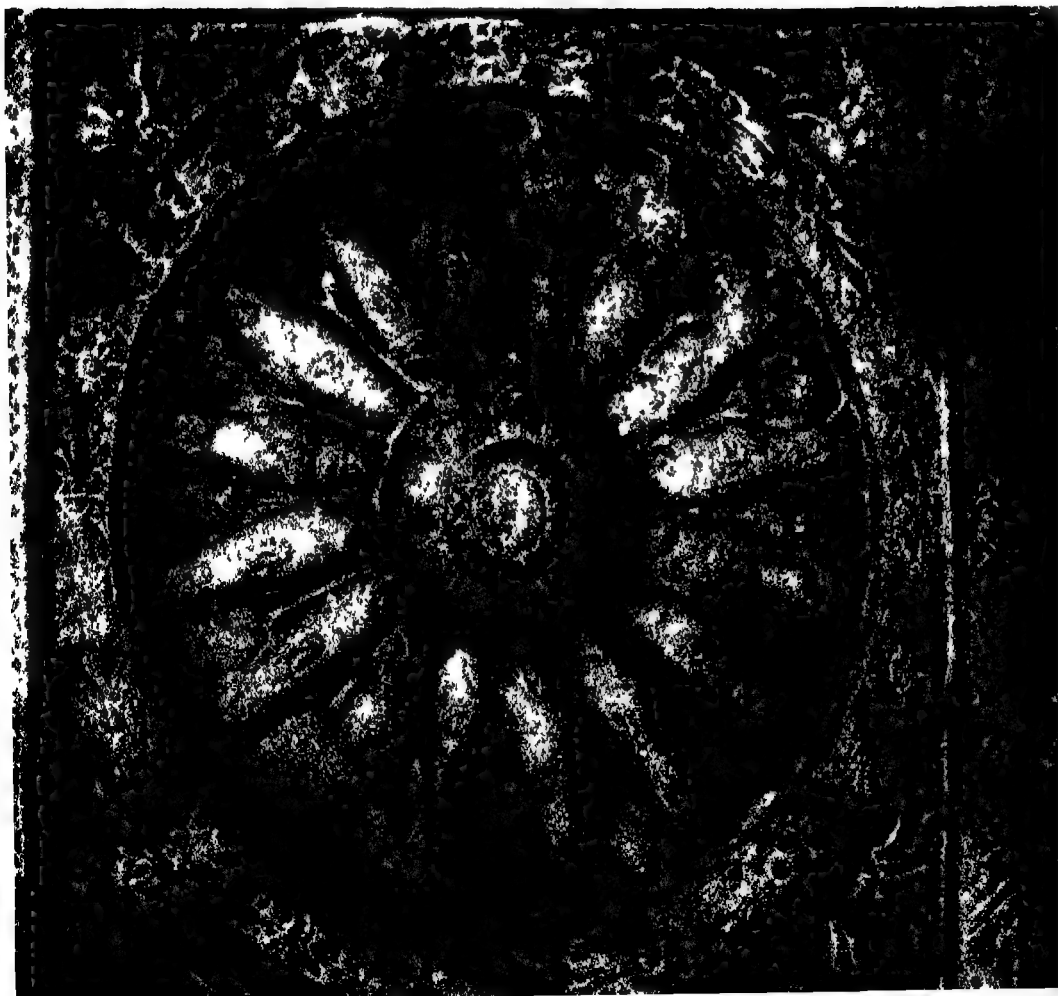
113 The same motif from the earlier Vaishnava cave, Western Chālukya, 6th century A D , Bādāmi

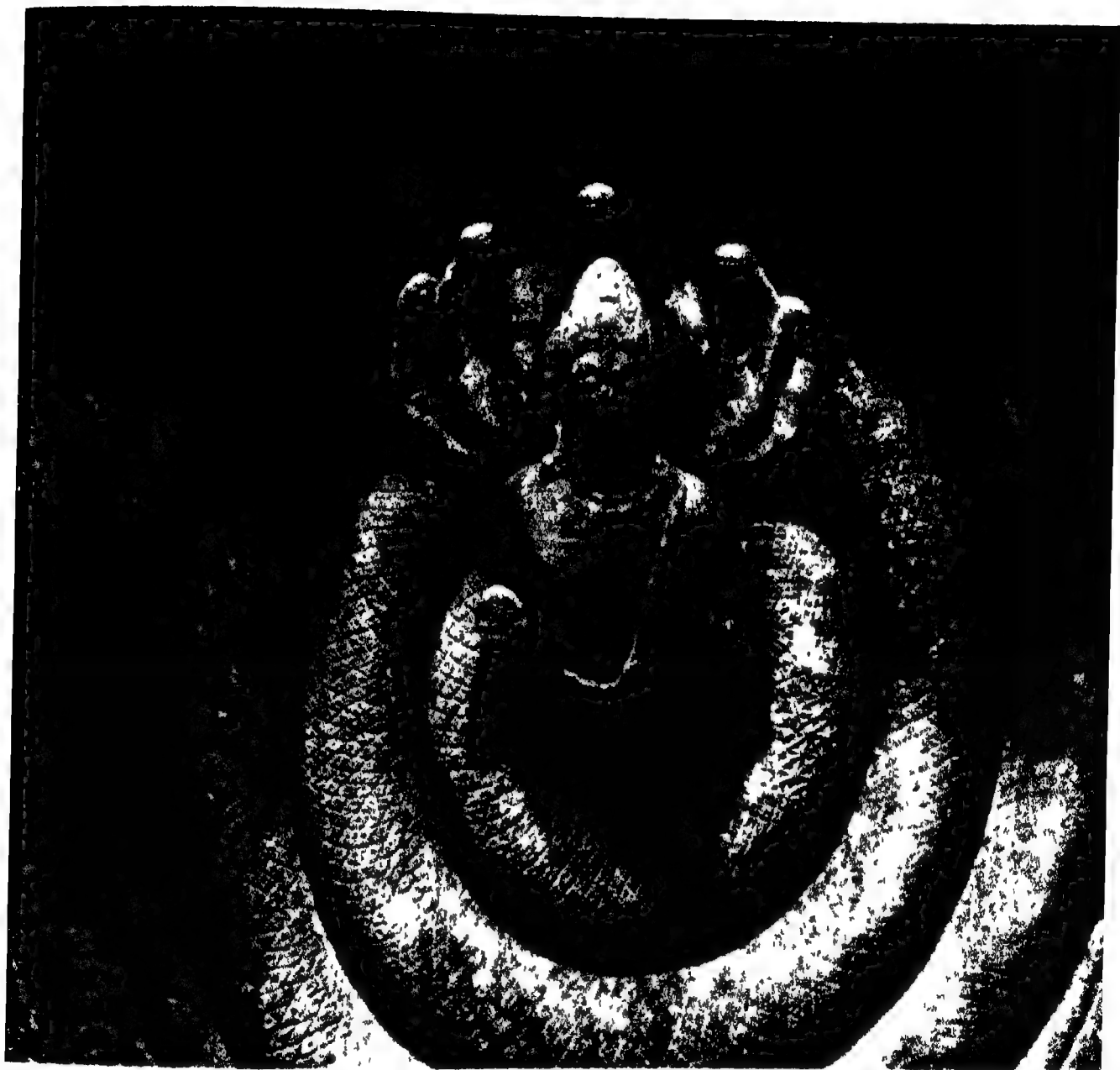
This earlier motif has inspired not only the similar Nāgarāja from the ceiling of the Jaina temple but also several others even in still later Chālukya sculpture



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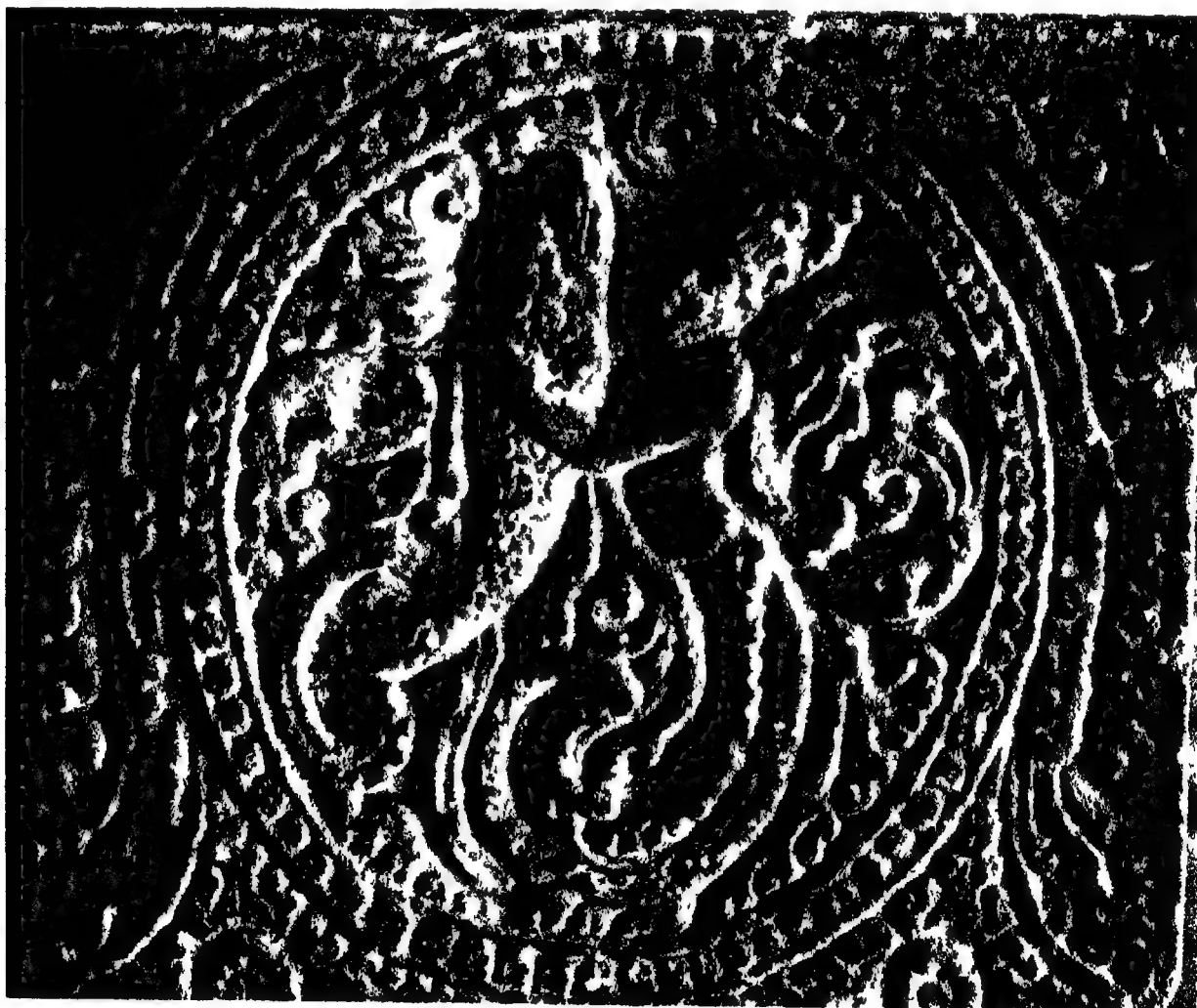
114. Motif of Tiringila with merman in great friendship, Western Chālukya 7th century A.D., Bādami

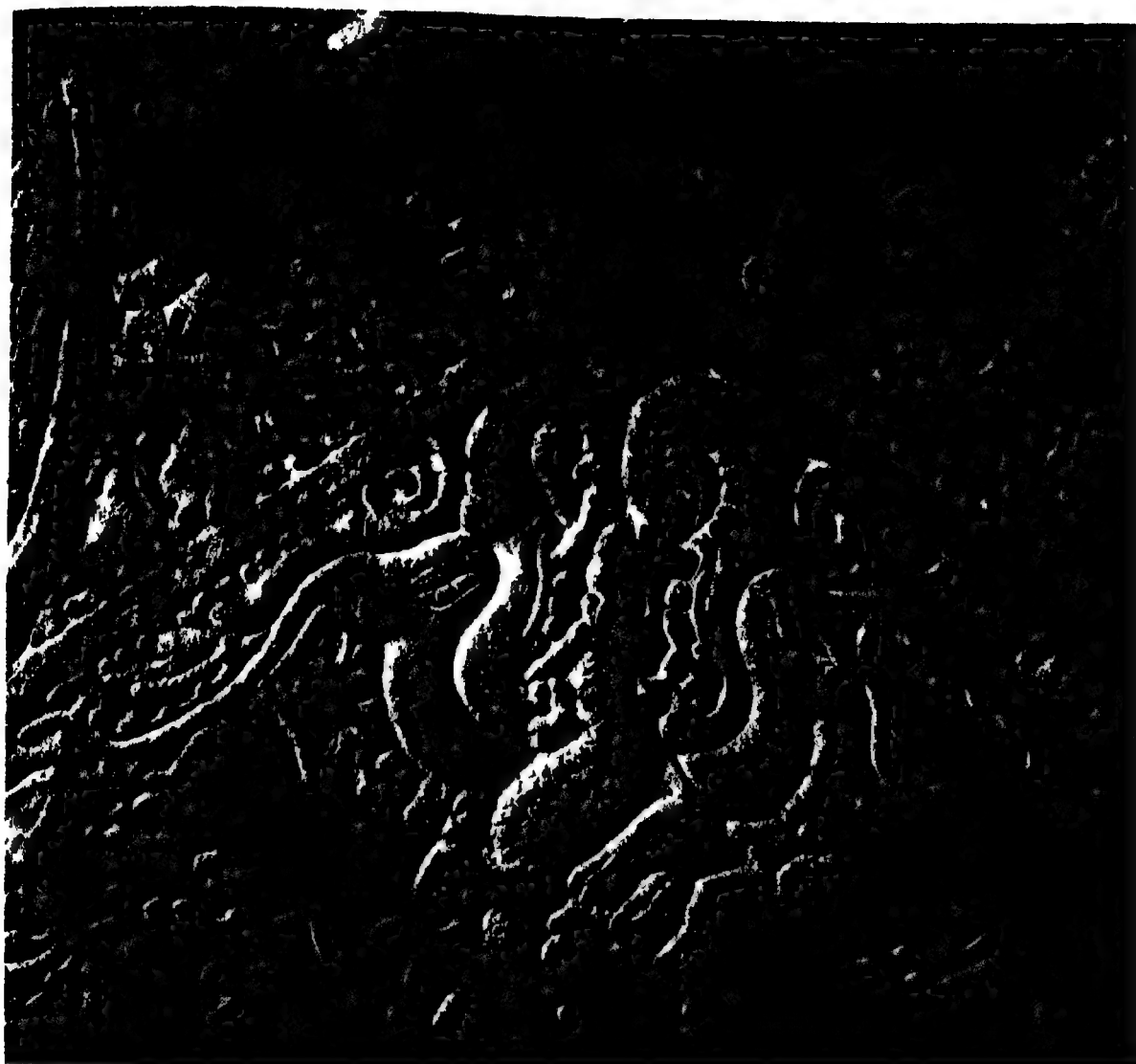
This is a very interesting theme reminding us of the extraordinary kindness of seers and sages like Saubhari, the great sage in the story of the Mahābhārata and Vishnupurāna that was a great friend of fishes

excavated by Maṅgaleśa. The circle of fish as spokes in a circle all converging towards the hub, a beautiful lotus is another ceiling decoration often repeated. The pillars, massive and rectangular in section, with niches cut in for Tīrthaṅkaras, with the top rectangularly bulbous and with *bodhikā* or corbel of the double or super-posed type usual in Chālukyan norm, the lower face an extended double-volute, the *kalāśa* part decorated with *muthuna* themes on facet, recalling the heavy and almost similar, simpler and less decorated architectural forms in early Pallava caves of Mahendravarman. Portions of the pillars are ribbed and the terminals of the cross rafters nearer the pillar capitals are decorated with gaping *makara* heads disgorging dwarf caryatids. All these forms are interesting and impressive. The farthest ends of the verandah show on one side Bāhubali with creepers grown in prolific abundance over his legs and even arms, flanked by his sisters and adored by attendants, a series of snakes issuing from the anthill growth around his legs, raising up their hoods almost as in adoration towards his knees, and by Tīrthaṅkara Pārsvanātha, with snake-hoods gracefully canopying his head, Padmāvatī holding up umbrella to his right and Dharanendra adoring him to the left. The embellishment of pillars here is indeed most inviting, charming. Surasundarīs standing against the ribbed sides as well as other motifs of great delicacy and a feature in Chālukya architecture arresting attention.

To the back of the Megutī hill is a large Jaina cave with facade presenting four pillars and the end pilasters leading to the front hall

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115. Motif of two *makaras* swallowing a Rohita fish, Western Chālukya, 8th century A D , Aihole

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116. Motif of Timgila disgorging warrior, Western Chālukya, 7th century A D , Aihole



117. Dvārapāla, Western
Chālukya, 7th century
A D , Aihole
*The tribhanga stance of the
dvārapāla is achieved by the
sculptor aesthetically*



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118. Ambika standing,
Chera, 8th-9th century
A D , Chitarâl, Kerala

119 Seated Tirthankara
with attendants, Chera,
8th-9th century A D ,
Chitarâl, Kerala

*These carvings from Kerala
are most important as the
very few surviving examples
from the area*

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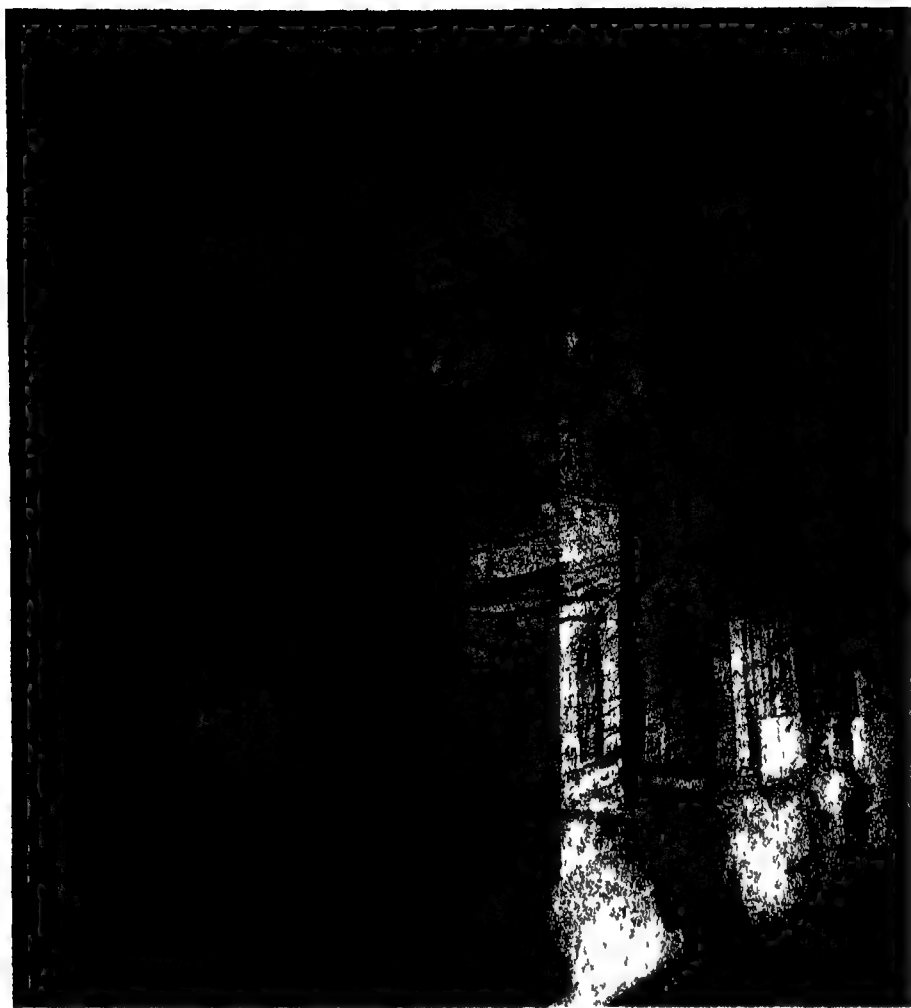


mandapa whence is reached a triple *mandapa*, the central vestibule larger than the flanking ones and leading to the shrine at the back. Here again there is exquisite carving. The ceiling of the main sanctum is beautifully decorated as it should be with a large blooming lotus with a rectangular frame bordered by exquisite floral design and tipped on all four sides by triangular patterns of auspicious objects like a pair of fish flanking a blooming lotus four times repeated, the corners decorated with four lotus medallions. Among the decorations on the ceiling of the central *mandapa* facing the shrine there are exquisite patterns of fish of immense size like *Timiṅgila* or *Ṭimiṅgilagila* and mermen clasping large fish as earlier at *Bādāmī* reminding us of the great friendship of the sage *Saubhari* with the fish in the river born out of natural affection and also the fish as the stimulant of eroticism in fighting against which the *Tīrthaṅkaras* are indeed mighty. There are *dvārapālas* here, most beautifully cut, in stances of *tribhanga* enhancing their majesty, a lotus flower in one hand delicately held, the left perched on the hip with equal delicacy, the twirled pearl sacred thread, *muktā-yajñopavīta* running over the right arm as a large roll, the large pendant of the necklet almost simulating and recalling the *Kaustubha* gem of *Nārāyaṇa*, accompanied by dwarf attendant charming in his gait. The favourite theme of *Pārśvanātha*, with snake coils and hoods as a back drop, *Padmāvatī* to the right and *Dharanendra* to left, as *Kamathā* attacks from above with all his force, of *Bāhubali* with his sisters flanking him, themes often repeated are jubilantly cut in the rock by the sculptor. An unfinished group of figures, a seated prince and his consort, is probably intended to show the parents of *Pārśvanātha*.



120. *Bāhubali* in penance flanked by his sisters, Western *Chālukya* 7th century A D , *Aihole*

121 *Parsvanātha* with snakehoods over his head, flanked by *Padmāvatī* and *Dharanendra*, Western *Chālukya*, 7th century A D , *Aihole*



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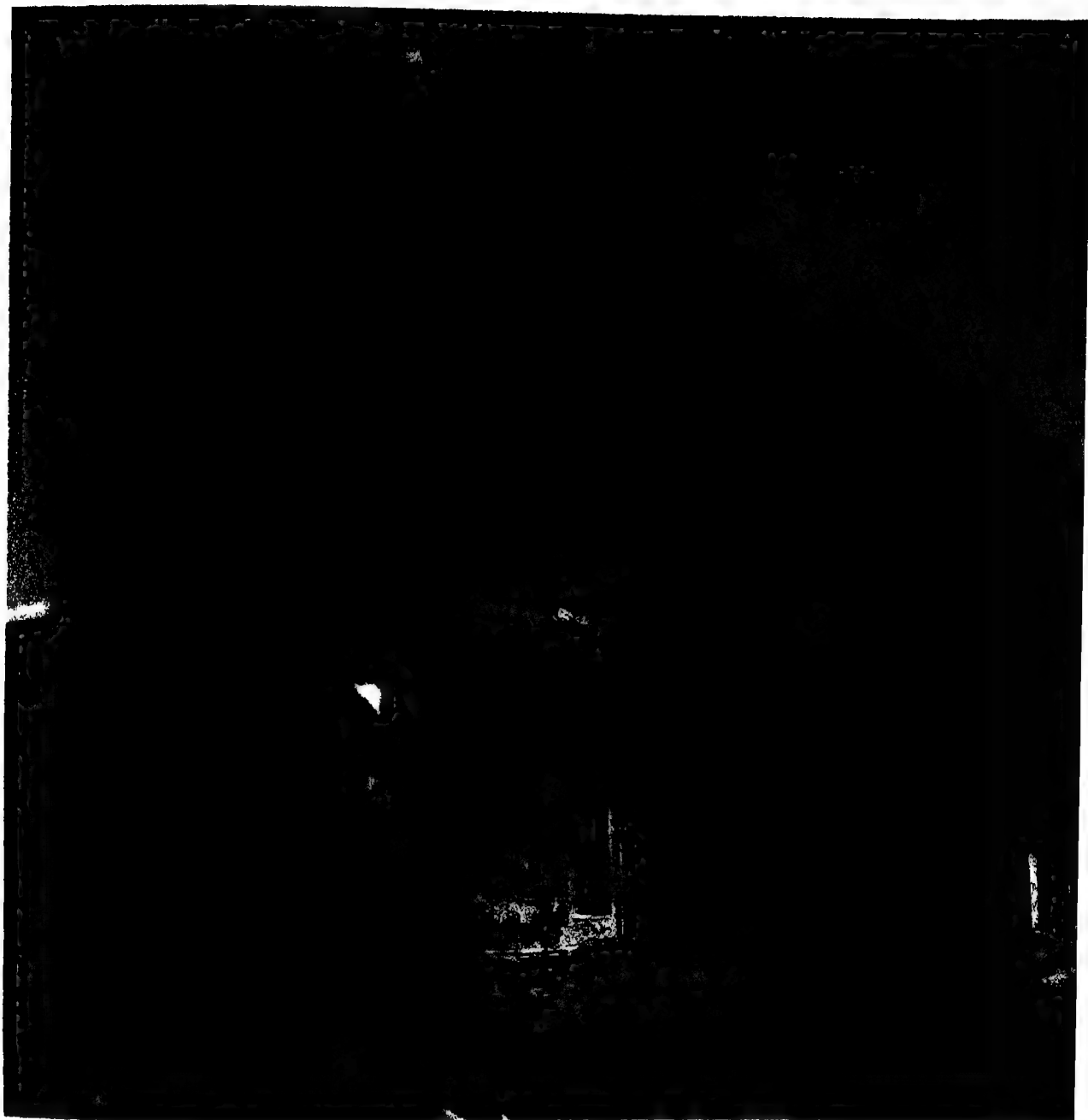
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122 Interior of Jain cave,
Western Chālukya, 7th
century A D Bādāmī

123 View of Jain cave,
Western Chālukya, 7th
century A D Bādāmī



124 View of shrine *vimāna*
as apsidal *vimāna*,
gajapriṣṭhukāra-vimāna,
Vijayanagar 16th century,
Tirupparuttikkunram



125. Yakshi Jvalāmālī of the eighth Tīrthāṅkara Chandraprabhā, Western Chālukya, 11th-12th century A.D. now kept in the Śiva temple, Aihole



At Aihole also we have the masonry temple called Megutī or Melgudi rendered immortal by inscription by Ravikīrti giving the glory of Pulakesin. The temple is typical of early constructed temples of the Deccan. The most noteworthy sculpture here is the exceedingly well-wrought Ambikā, seated with a foot on the other, under the mango tree, flanked by attendants, a lion near her foot to the left. Lovingly presented to her as an ideal child is her little one in the arms of an attendant who holds it up to her. Rarely can one sight an Ambikā of this charm and exquisite grace.

Aihole has been a great centre of Jainism along with the principal faith, the Brahmanical. Some of the most charming sculptures have been found at Aihole. One is an exquisite throne of a Tīrthāṅkara, the main figure missing, but the seat with the back rest, the *chaurī*-bearers, the triple-umbrella and triple-arch above, exquisitely carved in the best tradition of late Chālukya of the eleventh-twelfth century. To the same date should also be assigned the fine Yakshi Jvalāmālī of Tīrthāṅkara Chandraprabhā. Their present location however is in the Śiva temple.

Another remarkable sculpture here is Bhattāraka, seated in *padmāsana*, wearing a thin cloth over his chest and shoulder, almost deified by the presence of the halo around his head.

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126. Bhattāraka seated in *padmāsana* with halo around his head, Western Chālukya, 11th-12th century A D , now kept in the Śiva temple, Aihole





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127. Pārśvanātha with snakehoods canopying his head, Padmāvatī holding the umbrella, Dharanendra at his foot, Western Chālukya, 7th century A D , Bādāmī

This is also a pleasing panel

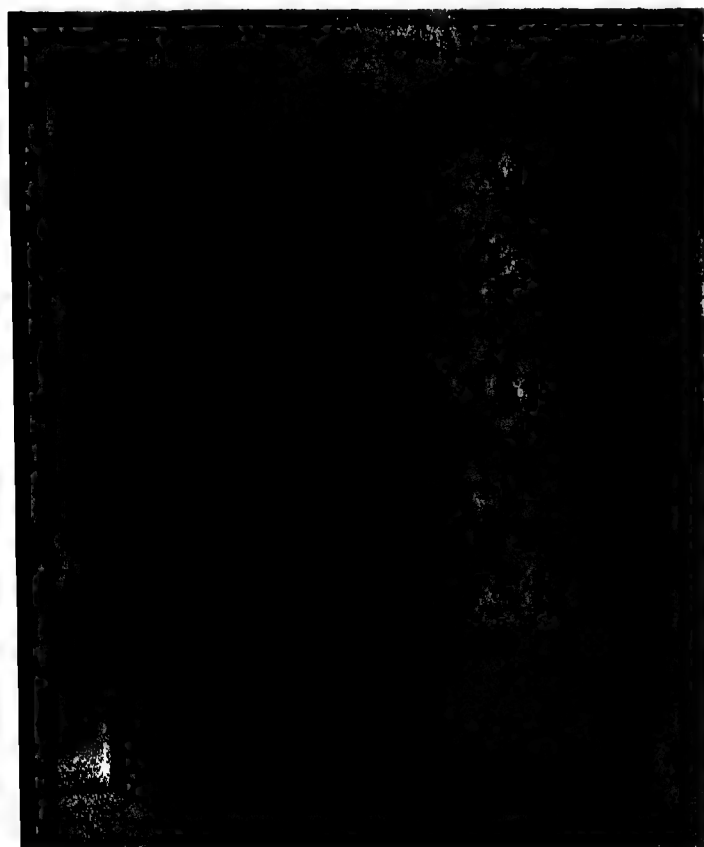
128 Close up of 127

129. Bāhubali flanked by sisters and adored by attendants, Western Chālukya, 7th century A D , Bādāmī

130. Seated Ambikā under the tree flanked by attendants, lion near her foot, early Western Chālukya, 7th century A D , Aihole

Judged by any standard, this is the most beautiful representation of Ambikā and almost lost in a cell of the Meguti temple on the hillock that has the famous inscription of Ravikīrti. It has not come into proper limelight. The workmanship is delicate

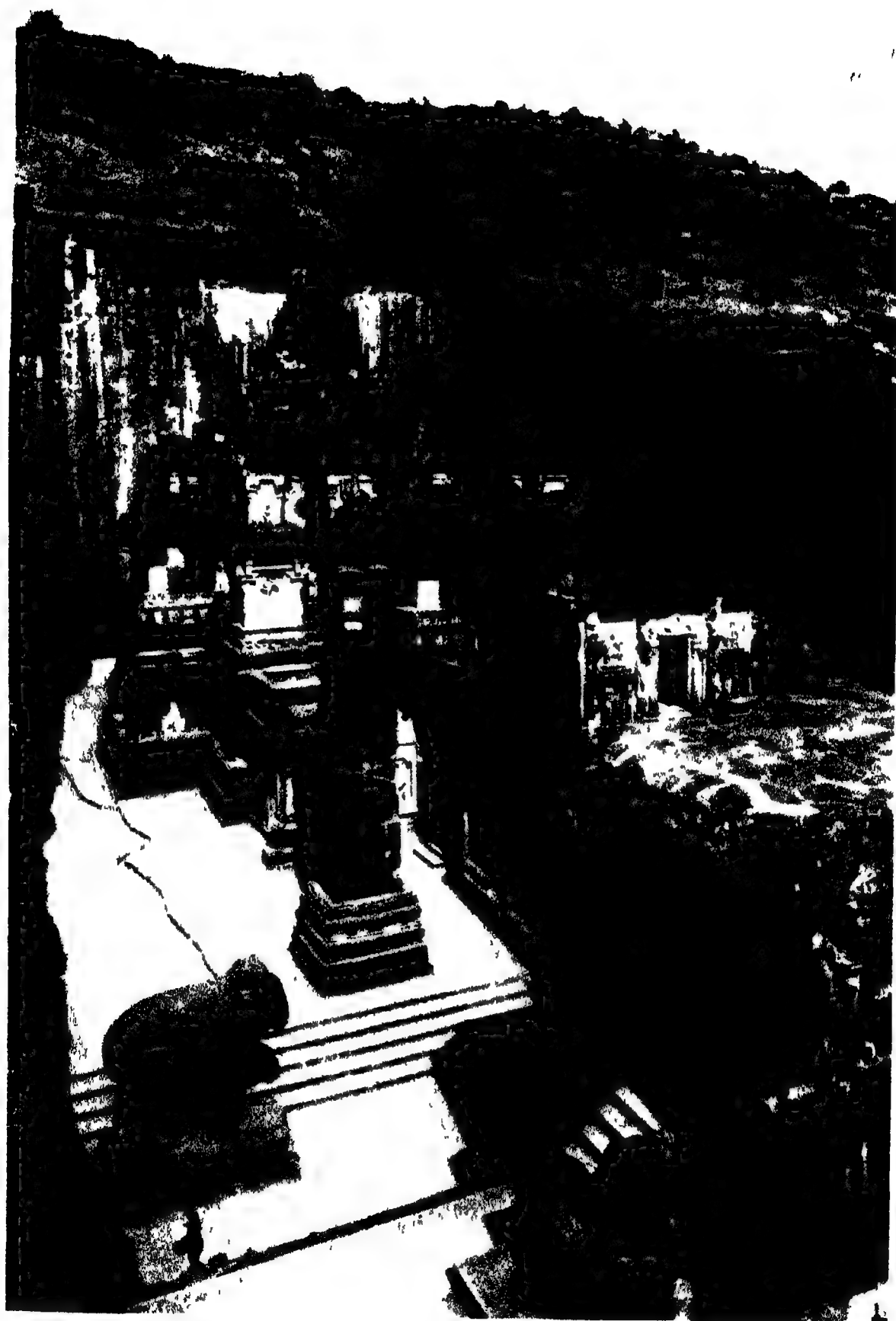
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131. Throne of Tirthankara with *chauri*-bearer, triple umbrella and triple arch above, Chālukya, 11th-12th century A D , now preserved in the Śiva temple, Aihole

It is indeed sad that the main figure of the Tirthankara that should have been an exquisite one intended for this is lost. It should have been a separate one, as the carving is deliberately in two pieces, only one of which is preserved



After Kṛṣṇa I who created the wonder in medieval art, the Kailāsa temple at Ellora, which is the most glorious in the art history of India, the confidence created in the process of cutting and chiselling a monument from top downwards in the rock with the entire plan in the mind of the architect and yet without a single flaw anywhere became an accomplished fact judged even from the miniature Jaina temple No 32. In India where there is a strong abiding faith in the sanctity of the perfectly chiselled carving, the merest small defect is capable of rendering the most aesthetically perfect monument unfit for adoration. The success thus is something beyond praise. No wonder that a later Rāshtrakūta inscription, the Baroda plates of Suvarnavarsha has a long and interesting passage narrating the imaginary conversation of celestials sojourning in the sky, stopping awhile, impressed by the magnificence of the monument and expressing their doubt whether the same master who did it could succeed in creating another like it even if he tried. It was indeed no joke to have planned in one's own mind the entire ramifications of a great temple with its innumerable adjuncts spread out and in storeys, with its pillared halls and pavilions, ambulatories and courts, cloistered cells, free-standing banner pillars and stately elephants, towers and lotus-adorned spires, with every part, including the sculptural decoration and even the enshrined sculptures themselves, all out of the monstrous rock. The depth and nature of this rock was unfathomed, but it had to be carved from top downwards with the utmost care, as the slightest flaw was to be avoided, and carved out of a meaningless mass of rock, which only the vision of a great architect like this one could accomplish and excite wonder.

The Jaina cave towards the end of the series in Ellora is a miniature, but an equally important monument like Kailāsa, with not yet a century elapsed, the tradition yet fresh and enthusiastically preserved by the sculptors. The expression of aesthetic import observed in several themes gives a distinction to Rāshtrakūta art. It is sometimes a motif, sometimes the iconographic form, or even of a theme or an episode from literature ennobled and presented in a superb fashion to arrest the attention of connoisseurs of art. Sometimes it is a pure expression of the sculptor's technical perfection and superior aesthetic vision administered in a simple sculpture elegantly sculpted. Not infrequently it is an important suggestion of a great import in a sculpture which has so much more to reveal than as seen superficially on the surface.

As an example of the sublimation of a motif is the unique carving of the lovers in close embrace closely following and necessarily recalling the famous description of Kālidāsa of the Yaksha, far separated from his beloved, his approach hindered by adverse fate, joining her closely in his fancy his emaciated body with hers equally attenuated, his excitedly heated matching the warmth of hers, his tears joining the moisture of hers, his perpetual longing with her longing which is no less, his warm sighs meeting hers heaved in great profusion and warmth, *Meghadūta*, 2,42. There is probably no *muthuna* sculpture in the whole range of Indian

132. View of Kailāsa temple, Rāshtrakūta, 8th century A.D., Ellora

This is the greatest wonder of rock-cut architecture in India, as it is carved from top downwards, with the entire plan in the sculptor's mind, taking care to see that there was not a single defect anywhere in the execution of so mighty a project as this tremendously sprawling gigantic and yet exquisite temple in rock. This has inspired several other temples including the Jaina rock-cut temple No 31

art that has better expressed this idea of close embrace showing the unison of the heart of the lovers in a physical expression of it

There is another as an example. It is an unequivocal expression of a *praudhā*, domineering beloved, who does not tamely close herself in embrace against the chest of the lover facing him, but with great coquettish sweep stands resting her back on his chest, her face turned towards his face as her left hand fondles his head, pronouncing her so mature as to dictate and have her way that the lover appears tame, i.e. *mugdha*, welcoming even her glance and caress in the place of the close embrace. This is aesthetically the most important sculpture in the ninth century Jaina Cave No. 32 centrally sculpted at the top of the face.

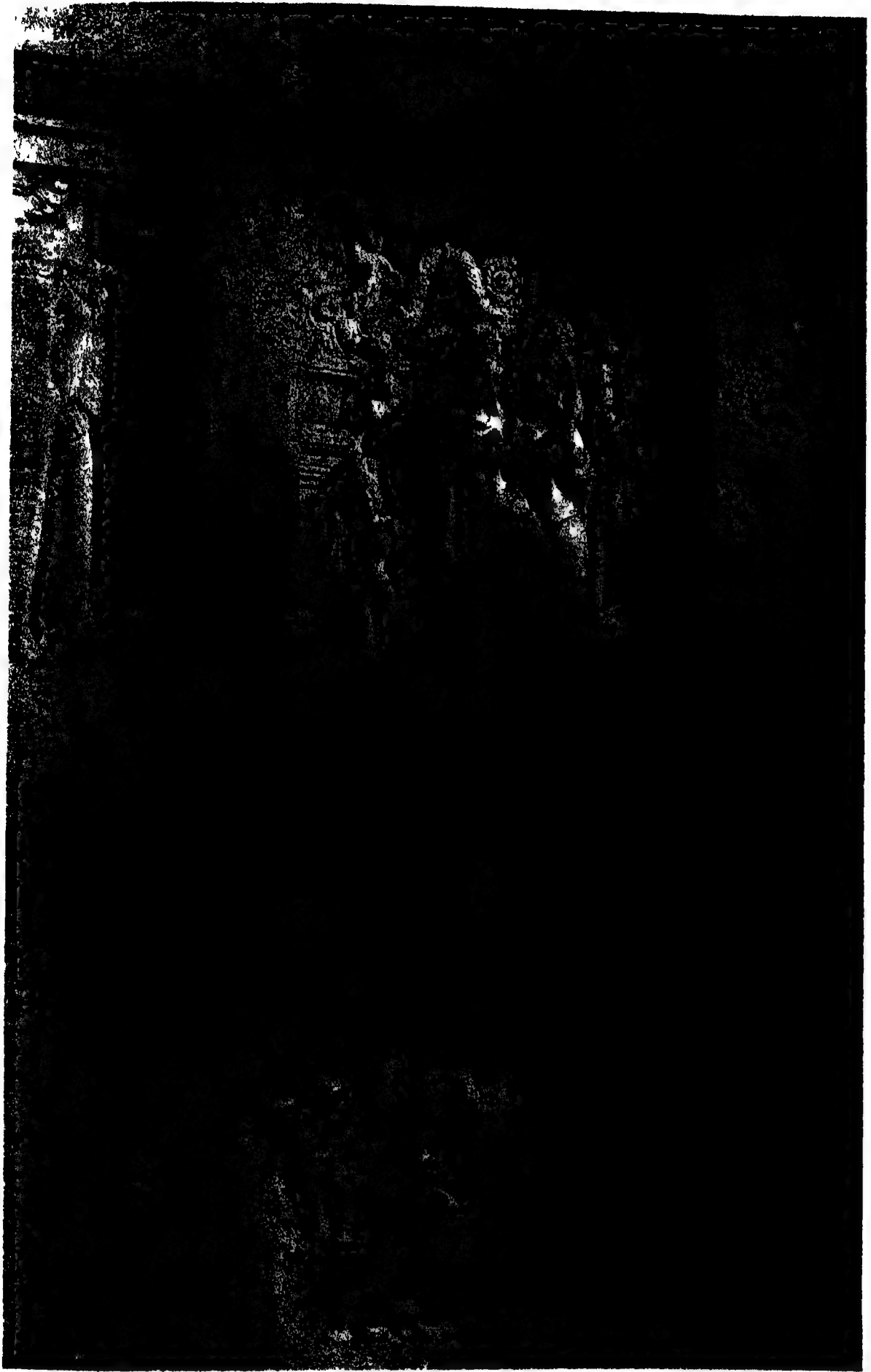
Below this is Pārśvanātha with the coils of the reptile forming a back seat and the seven hoods gracefully and reverently held as a canopy over the head of the Master whose *ushnīsha* of intelligence is very prominent, his eyes closed in *chāpākāra* fashion as the *Chitrāsūtra* text would have it for those in sublime meditation and peace, attendant figures on either side waving *chauris*. The glory of the Tīrthaṅkaras is expounded by peaceful monks in a rectangular panel down below. The whole carving is the very picture of peace with profundity of noblest thought in meditation indicated by the *padmāsana* and the pair of palms one over the other like lotuses in full bloom on the lap of the Tīrthaṅkara.

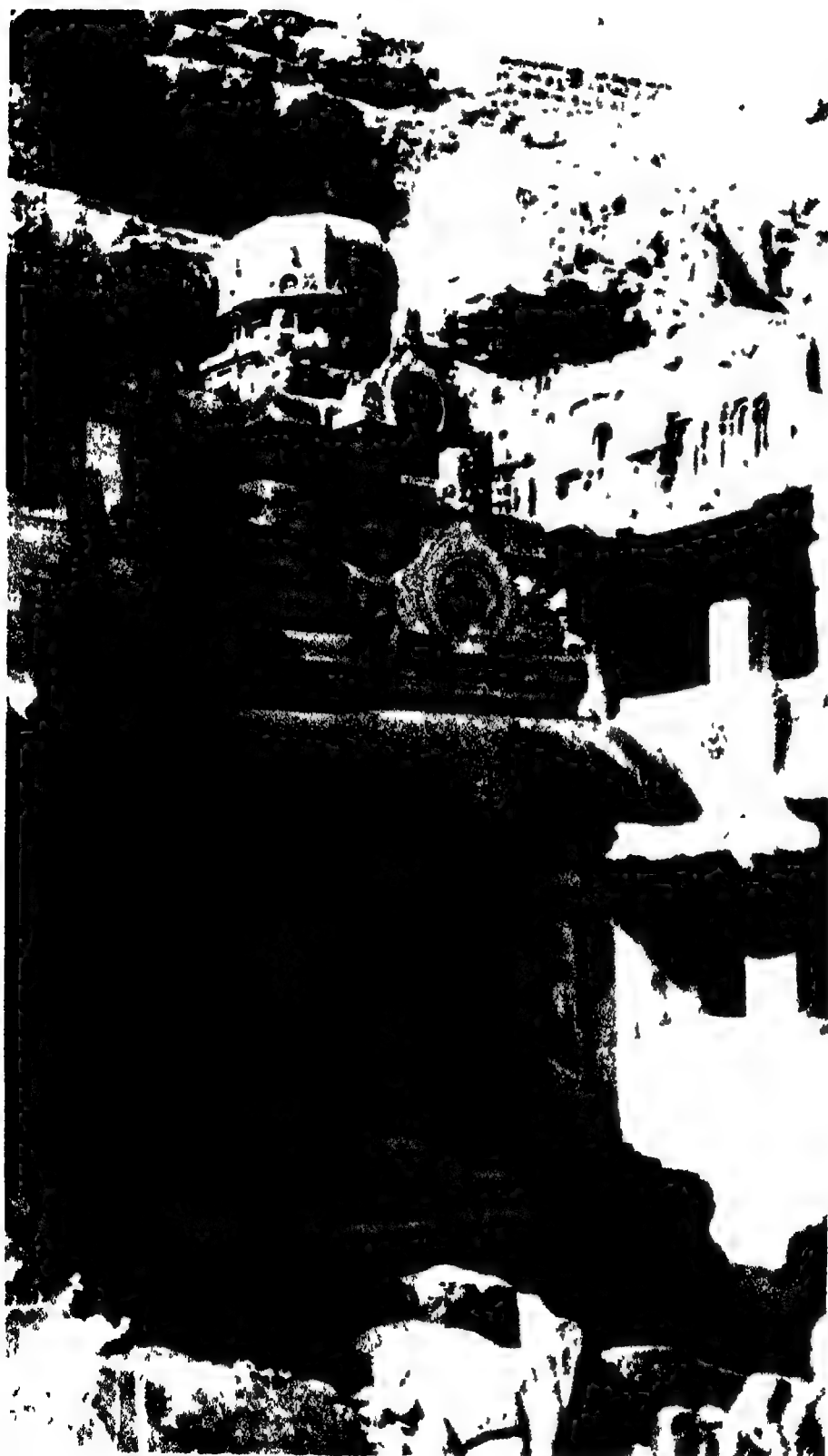
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133. Miniature rock-cut temple with entrance *gopura*, Rāshtrakūta, 9th century A.D., Ellora. This is inspired by the tradition of the Kailāsa temple.

134. *Praudhā*, the domineering beloved, with lover welcoming her caress, Rāshtrakūta, 9th century A.D., Cave 32, Ellora. This shows the towering power of alluring charm, *śrngāra*, in rhetorical fashion.







135. Close up of the rock-cut *vimāna* part of the temple alone, Rāshtrakūta, 9th century A D , Ellora

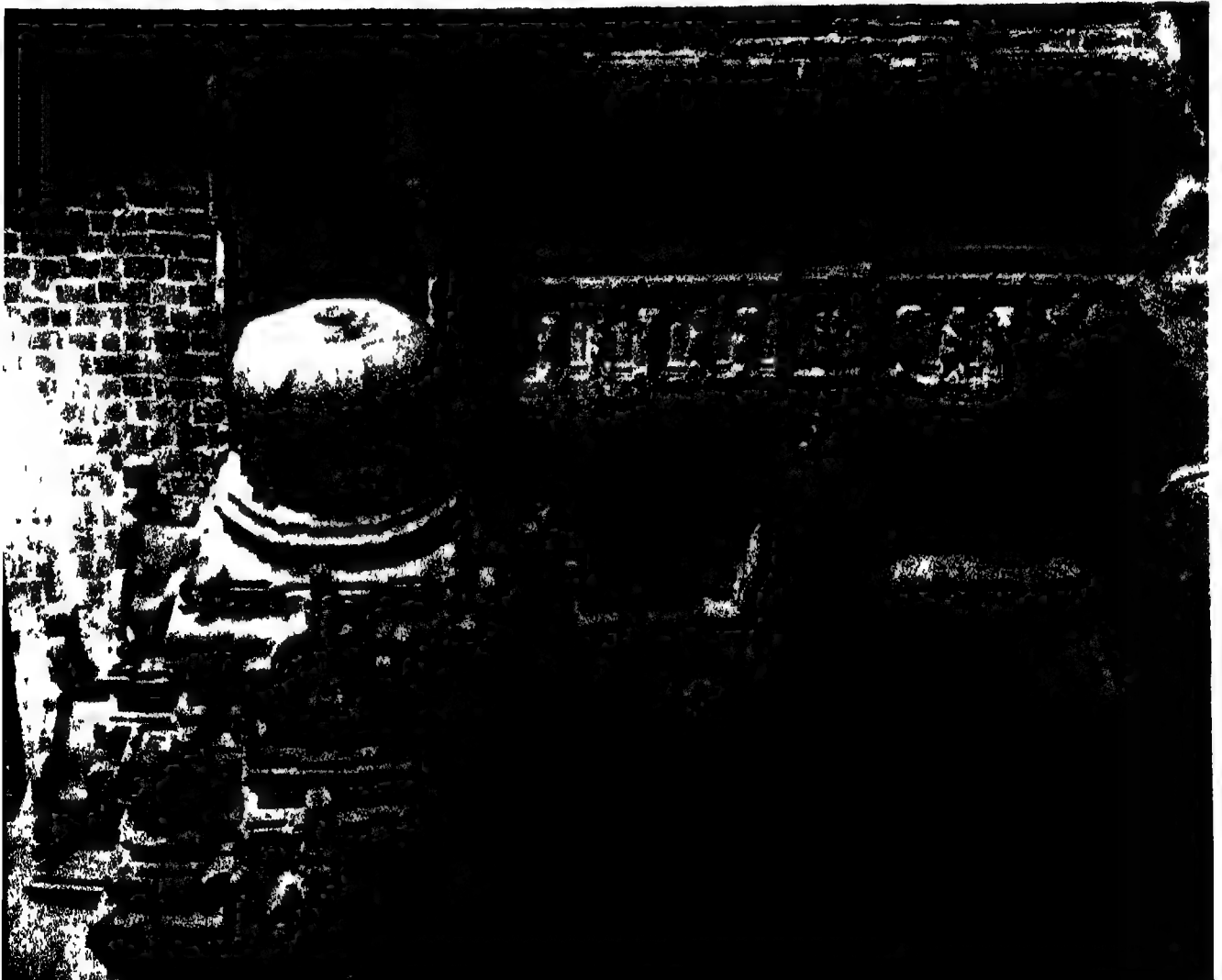


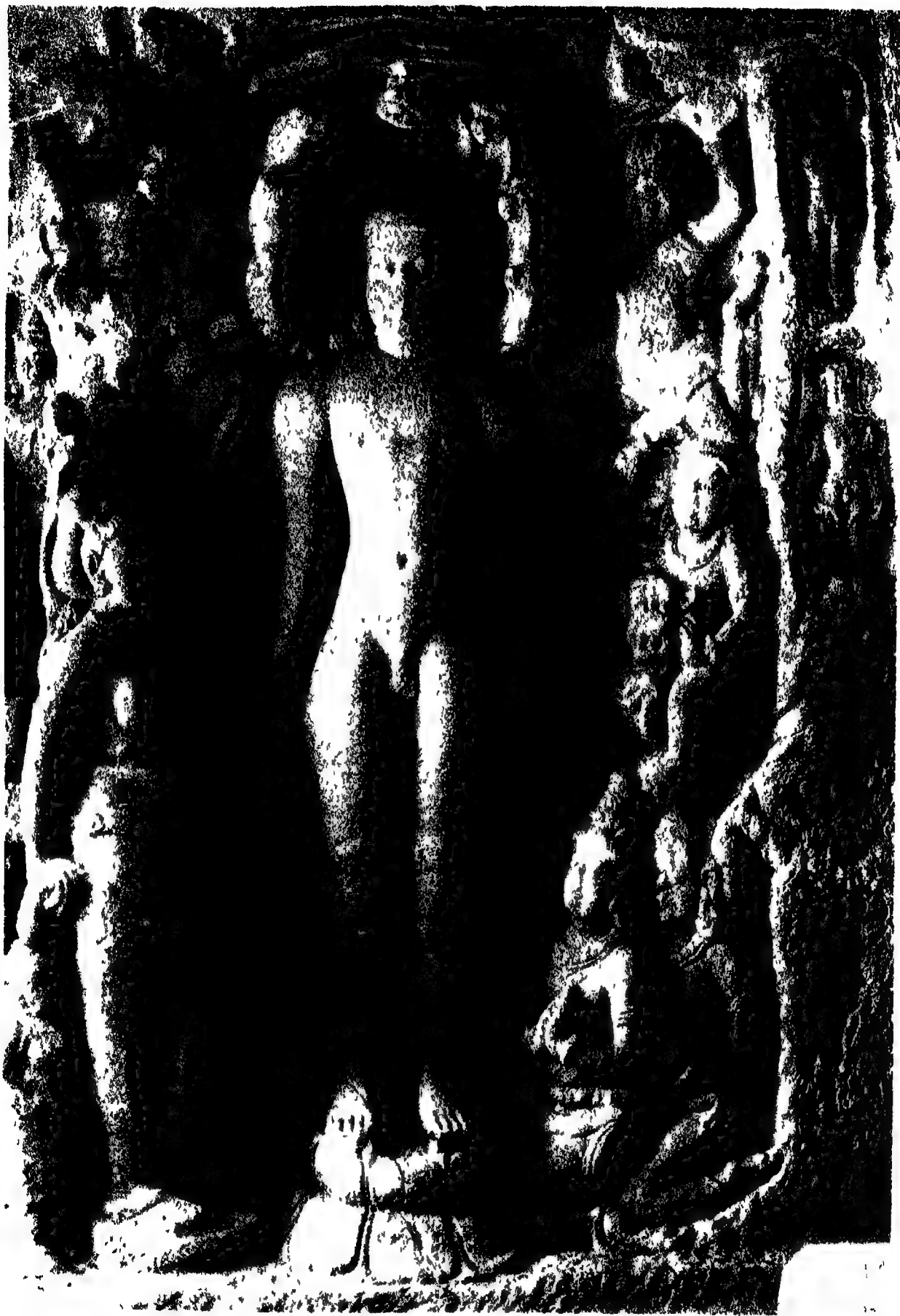
136. Kamatha's attack on Pārśvanātha, Dharanendra and Padmāvatī flanking Tīrthankara, Rāshtrakūta 9th century A D , Cave 32, Ellora

137. The same rock-cut temple with court and the three famous noteworthy panels, Rāshtrakūta, 9th century A D , Ellora

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Further down below is a separate panel of the warriors of the Rāshtrakūta realm in the full flush of success in battle proclaiming the glory of heroic flavour, *vīrarasa*. But, as Ānanda-varadhana has put it in his *Dhvanyāloka*, it is not the might of the Pāndavas, the heroic flavour *vīrarasa*, the much coveted and difficult though hapless victory, that has precedence in the *Mahābhārata*, but meditation on the Almighty leading on to the finer emotion of peace, *sāntarasa* that has the place of honour. *Sāntarasa*, in fact, is the glory of the *Mahābhārata*, not *vīra* or *karuna* or *bībhatsa* or *adbhuta* or any of the others. Here in this sculpture where *śṛīṅgāra*, *sānta* and *vīra* are separately brought together in different panels, it is eloquently proclaimed that the highest and the noblest flavour is the *sānta* which has been given the place of honour in the centre among the panels in a row where *śṛīṅgāra* and *vīra* are at the top and bottom respectively. *Sānta* is prominently in the centre in two panels to definitely assure that it is so. This is indeed a great masterpiece of Rāshtrakūta art that is unparalleled.

In the same cave the treatment of individual themes like Kamatha's attack, Pārśvanātha adored by Dharanendra and Padmāvatī, the coils and hoods of the snake behind him very prominent, the umbrella held up by Padmāvatī, warding the boulder held up by one of the several wicked followers of Kamatha, shown in a fierce attitude of attack, is not only most aesthetically treated but occurs over and over again. There is a word *āsechanaka* meaning that which though enjoyed perennially does not still satisfy and only increases the desire to enjoy it more. This theme for the sculptor at Ellora has almost been so. That is why this is repeated and so successfully given masterpieces one after another.

Another episode is Bāhubali in penance, with the ant-hills and creepers growing over his legs, even the thighs encircled, his sisters on either side flanking him, and Vidyādhara in the sky above in devotional wonder holding garlands to be offered in adoration. This is another theme repeated and so beautifully.

Ambikā at Aihole in the temple bearing the famous inscription of Ravikīrti is the most effective not only in Chālukya sculpture but probably in Indian sculpture itself for this theme. It is nearly equally well represented and in fact in great enthusiasm repeated in this cave at Ellora.

Mātanga Yaksha seated on the elephant in this cave is a gem of art. He is flanked by attendant figures. The crown is gracefully decorated and the Tīrthankara in miniature is the crest jewel on it. The sacred thread of pearls, *muktāyajñopavīta*, bears the Gupta-Vākātaka tradition of the strands twirled and the knot ribbon-fastened. The elegance of the necklace matches only that of the treatment of the armlet, waist-zone and stomach-band, *udarabandha*, all pearl- and gem-decked. The treatment of the tree with its leaves and branches is as beautiful here as it is in the panel opposite where sits Ambikā with a grace even in her somewhat ample form recalling the anatomy of feminine figures in Titian's paintings in medieval Italy. The mango leaves, sprigs and larger individual mangoes vying with the bunches of tender green ones, the golden crossband *suvarṇavaiśakṣha* on her chest, the necklet, her seated position at ease and majesty of form, with a lion at her feet and attendant figures flanking, is all almost outdone by another, with the figure more slender, with the dressed *dhammilla* hair mode pearl-decorated so very charming, hand in *abhaya* so reassuring, the child so close to her and hailing her in his own juvenile way, with an attendant holding umbrella and a hand in *sandamśa* suggesting the glory of supreme knowledge, all so charming that they make out a great masterpiece indeed. Opposite it again is Mātanga repeated.

138 Kamatha's attack on Pārśvanātha, Dharanendra and Padmāvatī flanking Tīrthankara, Rāshtrakūta, 9th century A D, Cave 32, Ellora

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139 Close up of 140 below



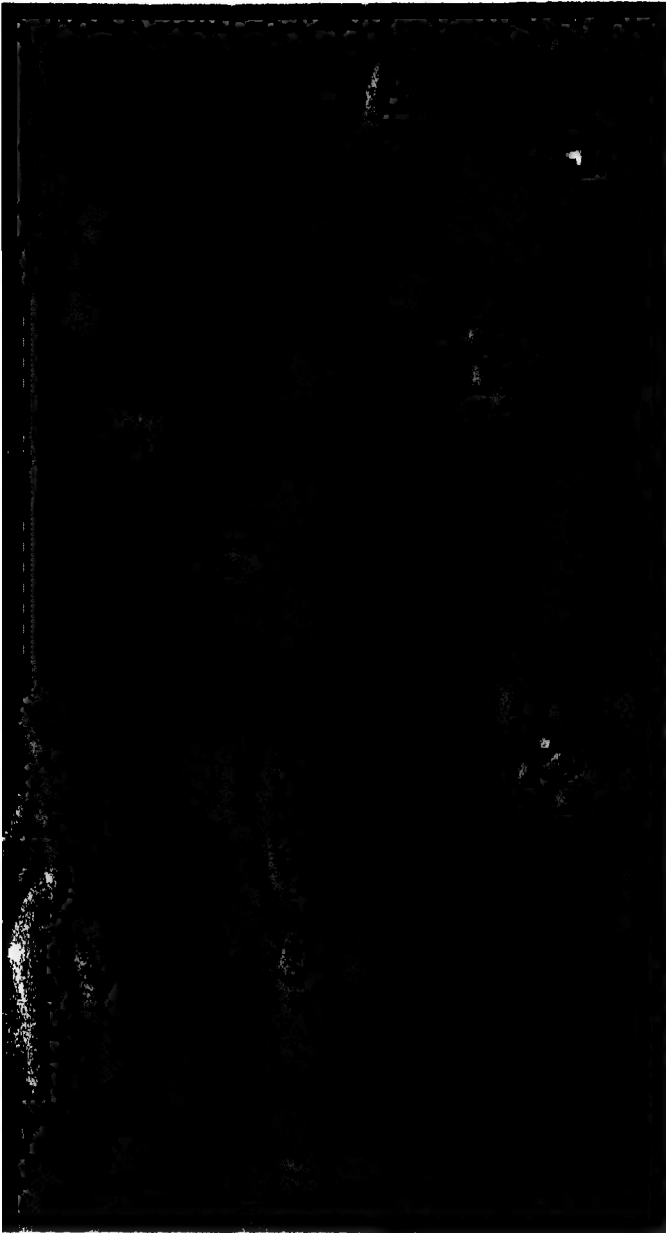
140 Close embrace and
kiss Rashtrakuta 8th
century A D , Kailāsa
temple, Ellora

141 Close embrace and
kiss Rāshtrakūta 9th
century A D Jaina cave
Ellora

*This has been inspired by
the famous former one from
Kailāsa*

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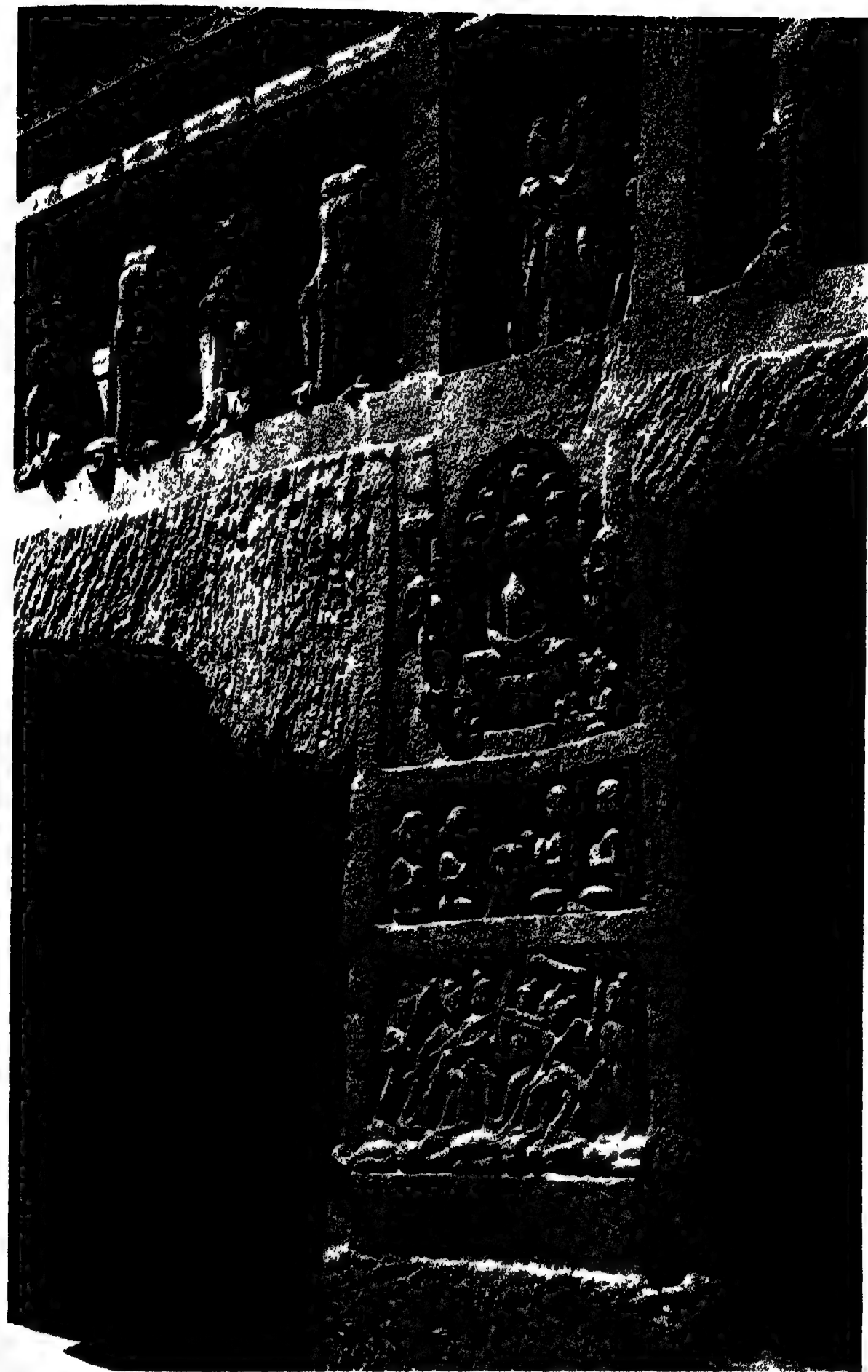


142 Kāmāṭha's attack on Pārśvanātha, Dharaṇendra and Padmāvatī flanking Tirthankara, Rāshtrakūṭa, 9th century A D , Cave 32, Ellora



143 Bāhubali in penance with Vidyādharas above flanking him, Rāshtrakūṭa, 9th century A D , Cave 32, Ellora
The deer at his feet is symbol of asceticism and peace

144 Jain view prominently presenting three exquisite panels one below the other Rāshtrakūṭa 9th century A D Cave 32, Ellora



145. Bāhubali, similar to the previous one, but with three deer at his feet



146 Bāhubali Jaina
Cave Ellora



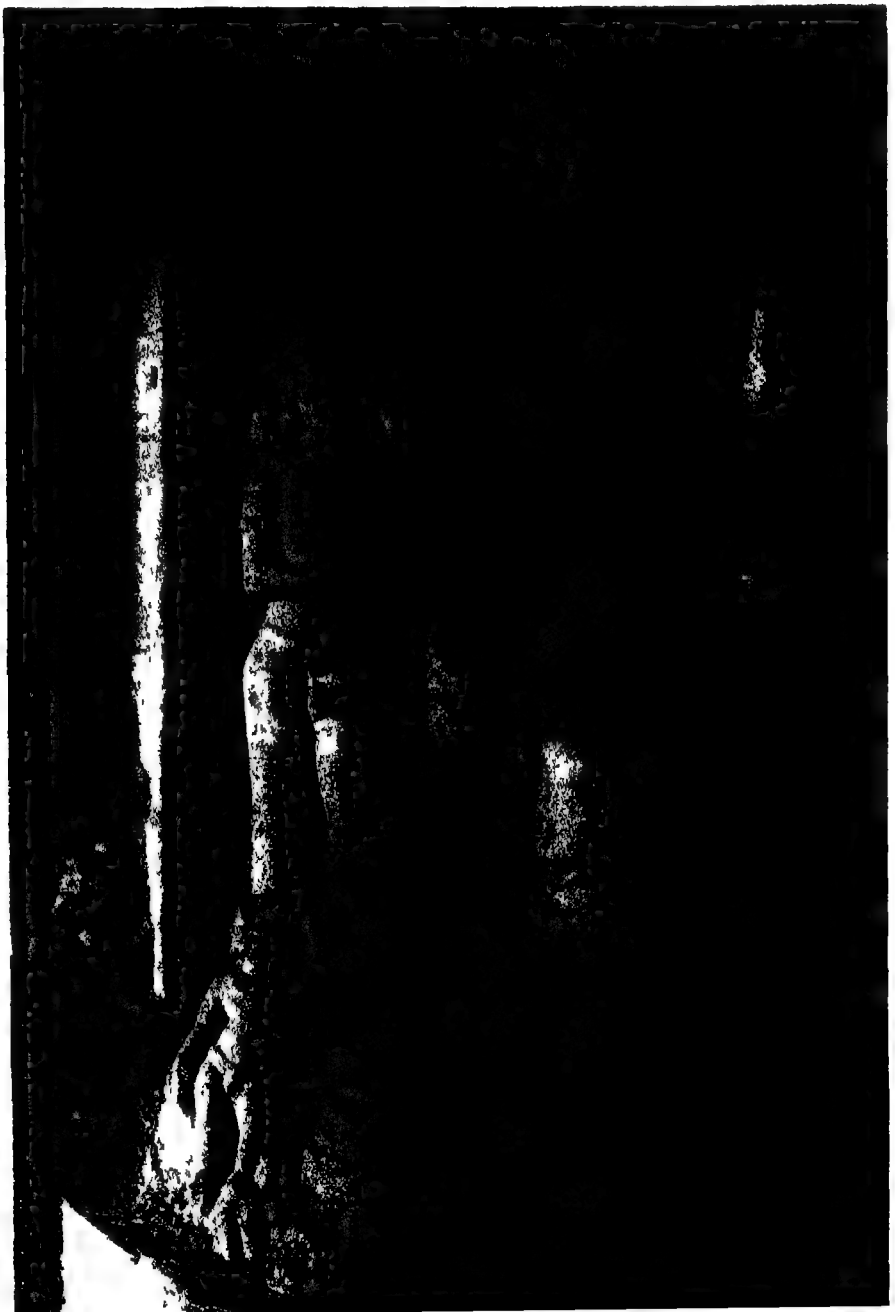


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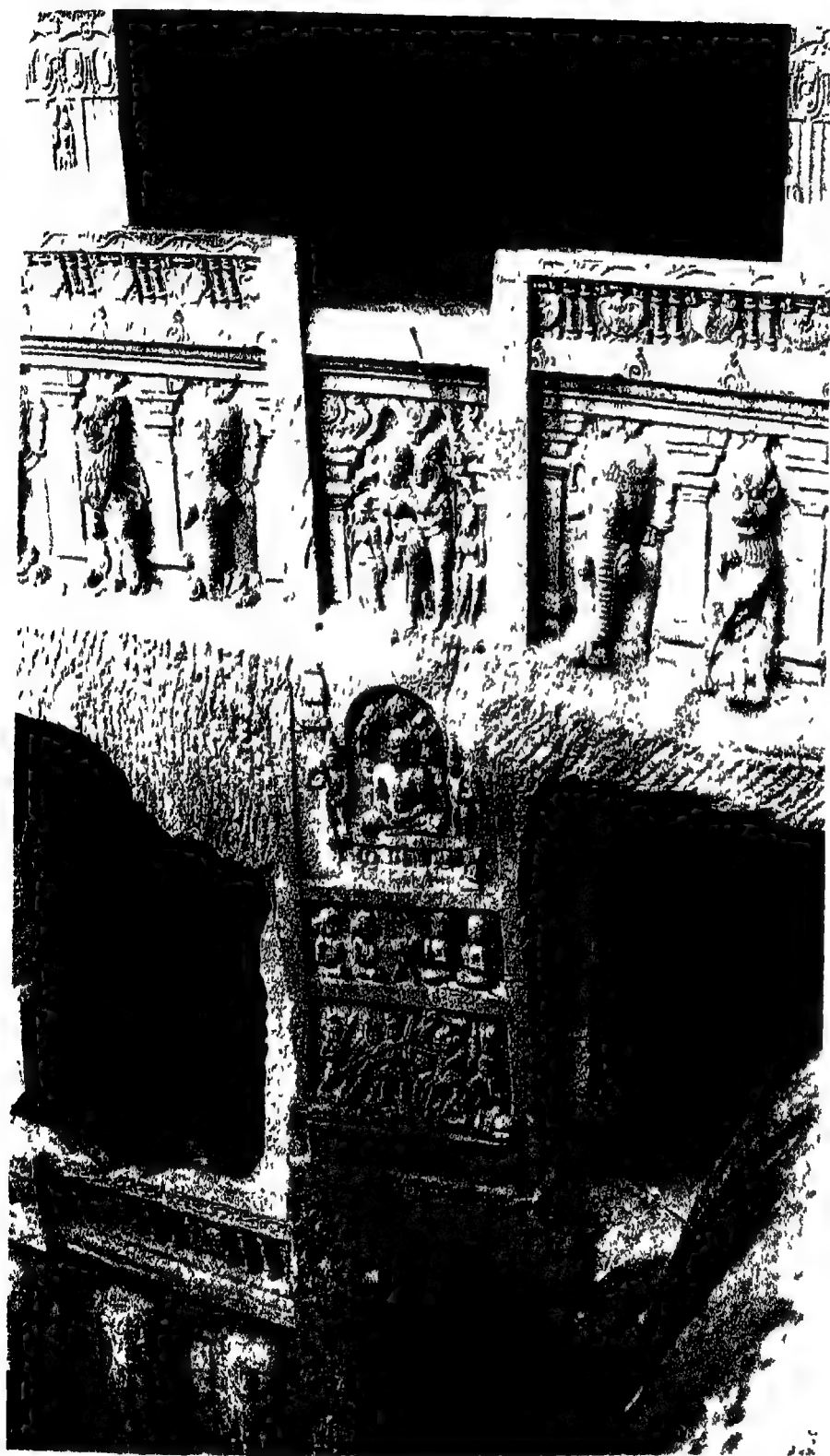
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147 Ambikā, close up
of 148 below

148 Ambikā another
slender in form,
Rāshtrakuta, 9th century
A D , Ellora



149. Jaina view
prominently presenting
three exquisite panels, one
below the other,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora





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150 Ambika another,
slender in form
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D Ellora

151. Ambikā, another
slender in form,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Ellora

In this same cave we have again a figure of Lakshmi, with lotus in one hand, the other assuring one to be unafraid. A pair of devotees are at the bottom of this panel.

The happy theme of personified *nidhis* or treasures, *śahkhanidhi* and *padmanidhi*, is wonderfully repeated in this rock-cut temple. There is an enigmatic smile on the lips of the seated *padmanidhi*. From the top of the lotus in the left hand proceeds a jet of gold as a thick roll that almost encircles the crown and reaches the right shoulder forming as it were the outline of a halo of sparkling gold, a shining nimbus.

The pillars of the *mandapa* in the adjoining Cave No. 31 have the brimming pitcher, *pūrṇaghata* wonderfully glorified at their base with floriated lotus leaves and flowers issuing from its mouth to suggest the overflowing water of plenty and prosperity. The Vidyādhara flying in pairs carry the lute for music, raise the hand in *alapadma* to the accompaniment of wondrous adorative hymns sung, or carry garlands as respectful offerings, on the front of the roof of the *mandapa*. And, above it, at the farther end is the roof of the temple itself with Lakshmi bathed by a pair of elephants flanking her centrally depicted, and other celestials individually and in groups all along in a row. The projecting court in front of the *mandapa* with balustrade decorated with a series of *pūrṇakumbhas*, the whole monument raised up by rows of elephants as *diggajas* support the world itself, a theme ennobled in the Kailāsa, is a glorious success in sculpture and architecture by the sculptor of these two caves. A mere look at the beautifully fashioned *adhishthāna* base, pillars, roof, *mandapa* and the *śukanāsa*, tier after tier on all the four sides, the central *vimāna* in tiers, a miniature simulation of the main Kailāsa temple itself, following exactly the same architectural principles, would illustrate how the Kailāsa temple at Kāñchīpuram, the model for the Virūpāksha temple of Vikramāditya's creation at Pattadakal by the famed and extraordinarily knowledgeable southern sculptor, which again had been the ideal for the Rāshtrakūṭa sculptor of Kailāsa, has continued here also to inspire the same tradition being continued and repeated.

Evaluated aesthetically from any point of view, sculptural, architectural, aesthetic, iconographic, this is probably the most attractive. This is a real triumph.

No wonder that in their large empire that thrust itself into a considerable portion of Tamiḻ Nādu, Āndhra Pradesh was included. What a fine Rāshtrakūṭa monument should have existed in Dānavulapādu in Cuddapah district can easily be visualised by the remarkable carvings presented in the Madras Museum, the inscription on the pedestal of one of the charming *chaumukhas* suggesting the date and dynasty. The carving of the bathing pedestal is typical and charming. The *chaumukha* itself is in the best tradition of Rāshtrakūṭa art as also the colossal image of Tirthaṅkara and the large seated Yakshi.

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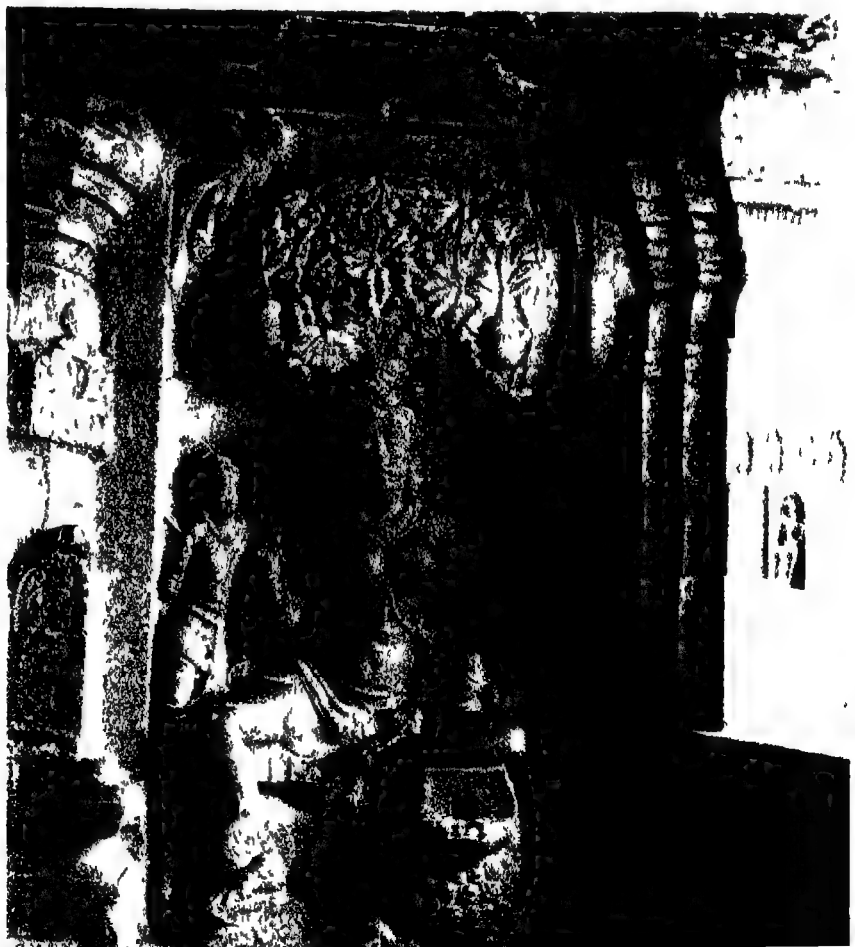


152 Mātanga Yaksha
seated on elephant
Rashtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora
A gem of Rāshtrakūta art

152A & 153. Ambikā
seated under the mango
tree with attendant and her
lion, Rashtrakūta 9th
century A D , Cave 32
Ellora

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152 A 153



154 Bāhubali in penance
with Vidyādhara above
flanking him Rāshtrakūta
9th century A D , Cave 32,
Ellora

*The deer at his feet is
symbol of asceticism and
peace*

155 Bahubali in penance
in Cave 32 Rāshtrakūta,
Ellora

156 Praudhā the
domineering beloved, with
lover welcoming her caress
Rashtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32 Ellora

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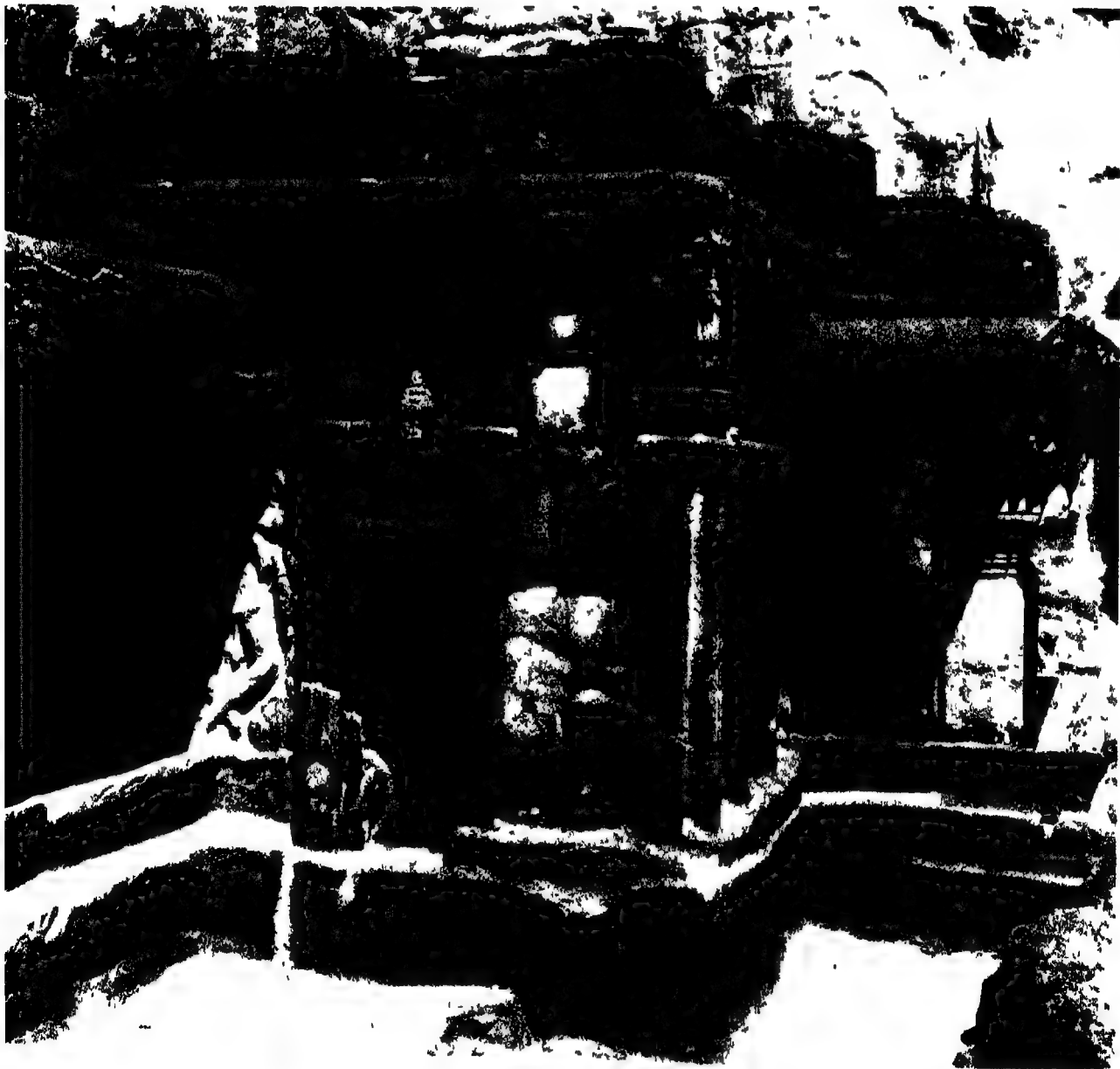
157 Vidyadharas from
Jain temple, Ellora

158. Vidyādhara from
Jain temple, Ellora



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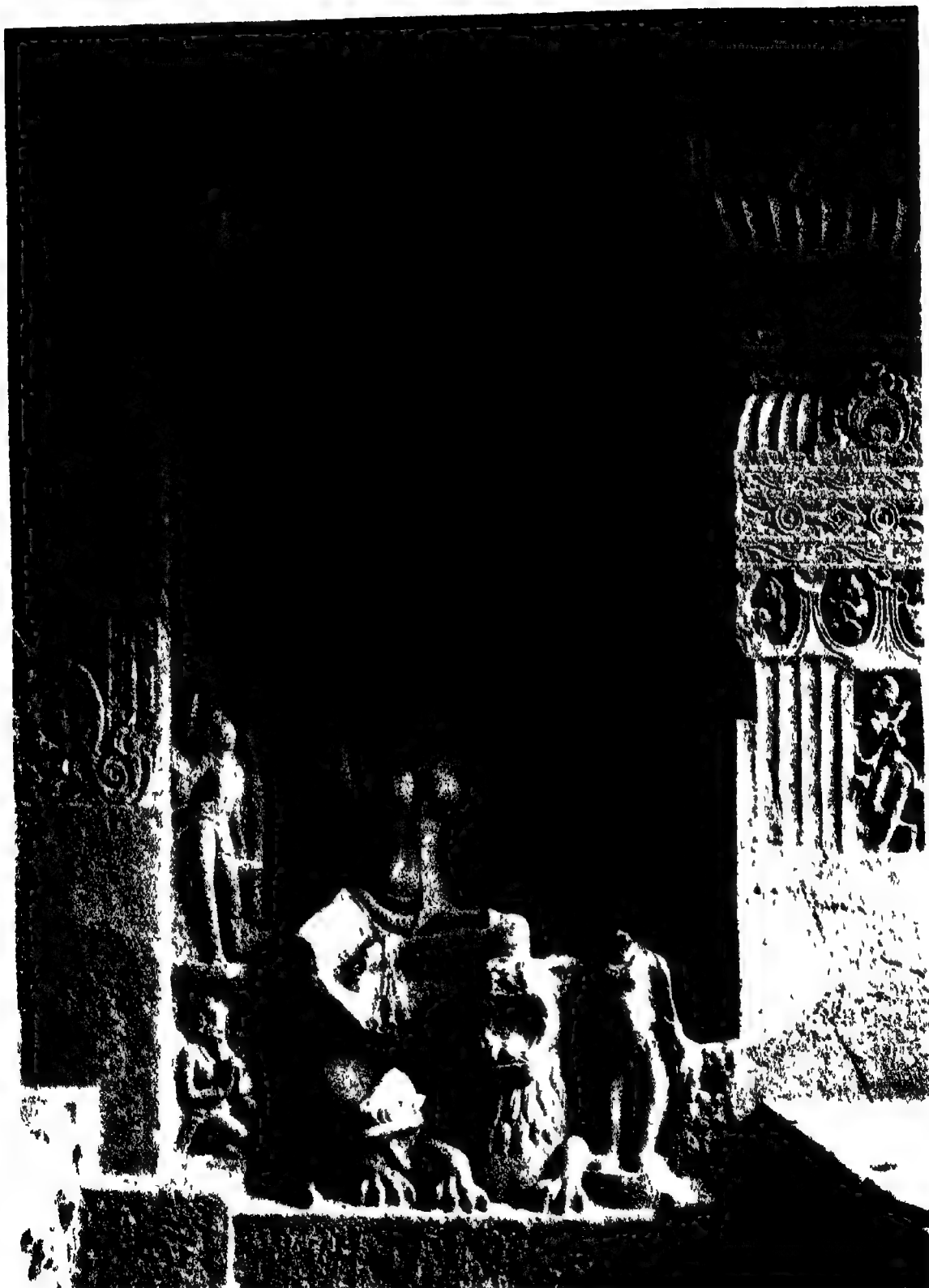
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159 & 159 A Vidyadharas
from Kailāsa cave, Ellora

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160. Ambikā with figure
more slender and
dhammulla more
elaborately made up
Rāshtrakūṭa 9th century
A D , Cave 32 Ellora
A very charming figure



161. Ambikā,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Jaina Cave, Ellora

162 Ambika,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Jaina Cave, Ellora

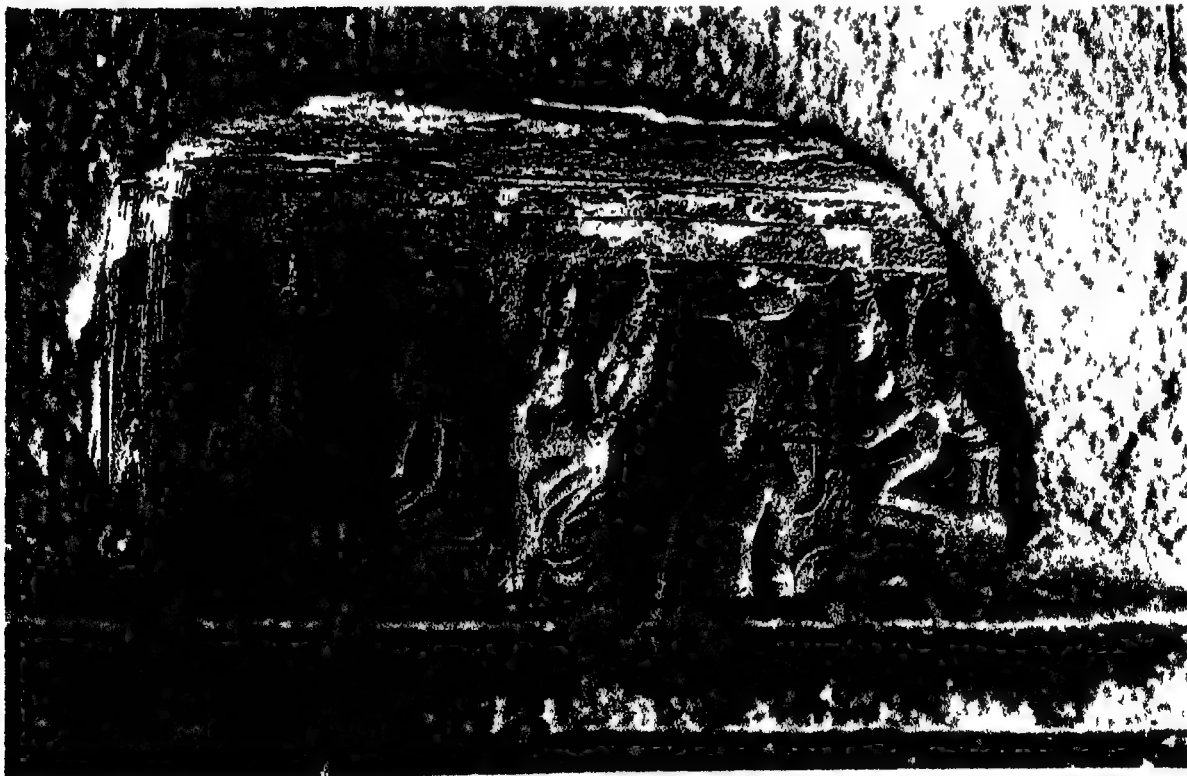
163. Close view of Bāhubali
through a chink in cave 32,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Ellora



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164. Ambikā, slender in form, with beautiful *dhammilla* hair-do full figure, Rāshtrakūta, 9th century A D , Ellora



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165. Close up of 164

166. *Chaumukha* of *Devas*,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora

167. A *Yakshi*, Cave 32,
Ellora

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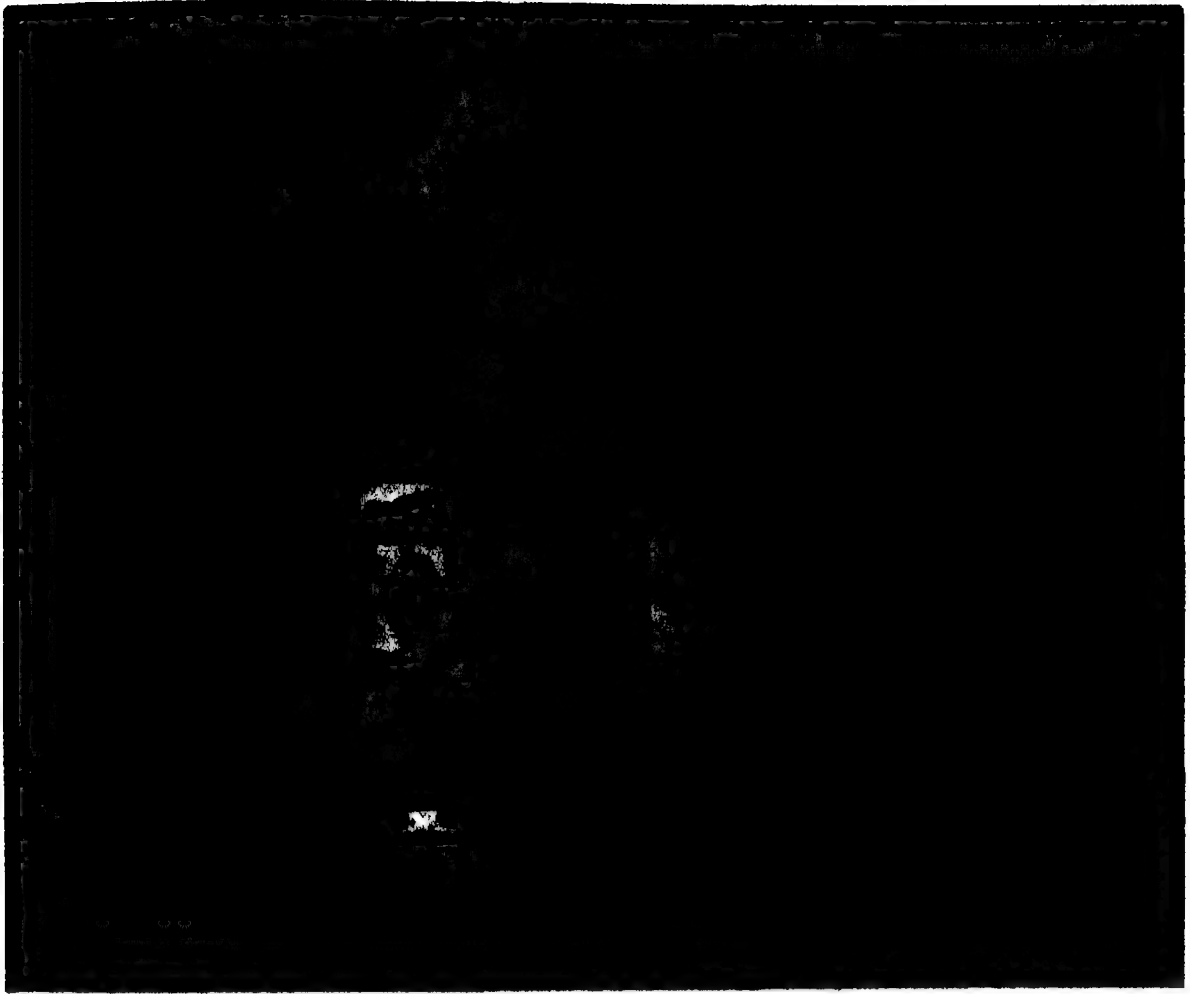
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168 Sankhanidhi,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Jaina Cave, Ellora

169. Padmanidhi,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Jaina Cave, Ellora

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170 Caryatids gracefully holding up the *vimāna*,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32 Ellora

*This is also a very beautiful
example of Rāshtrakūta art*

171 Ribbed pillars with
themes like nymphs,
dwarfs, linas etc ,
Rashtrakuta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora

*Aesthetically and
architecturally very
pleasing*



172 Close up of
Gajalakshmi rows of
Vidyadharas from the
above Rāshtrakuta 9th
century A D Cave 31,
Ellora

173 Pillars of the *mandapa*
adjoining Cave 31
prominently presenting the
pūrnaghata motif and
Vidyādhara flying in pairs
on the front of the roof of
the low *mandapa*, with
Lakshmi bathed by a pair
of elephants above
Rāshtrakuta 9th century
A D , Cave 31, Ellora

174 Close up of
Gajalakshmi, on door lintel
of Gommatesvara temple,
10th century A D ,
Sravanabelagola

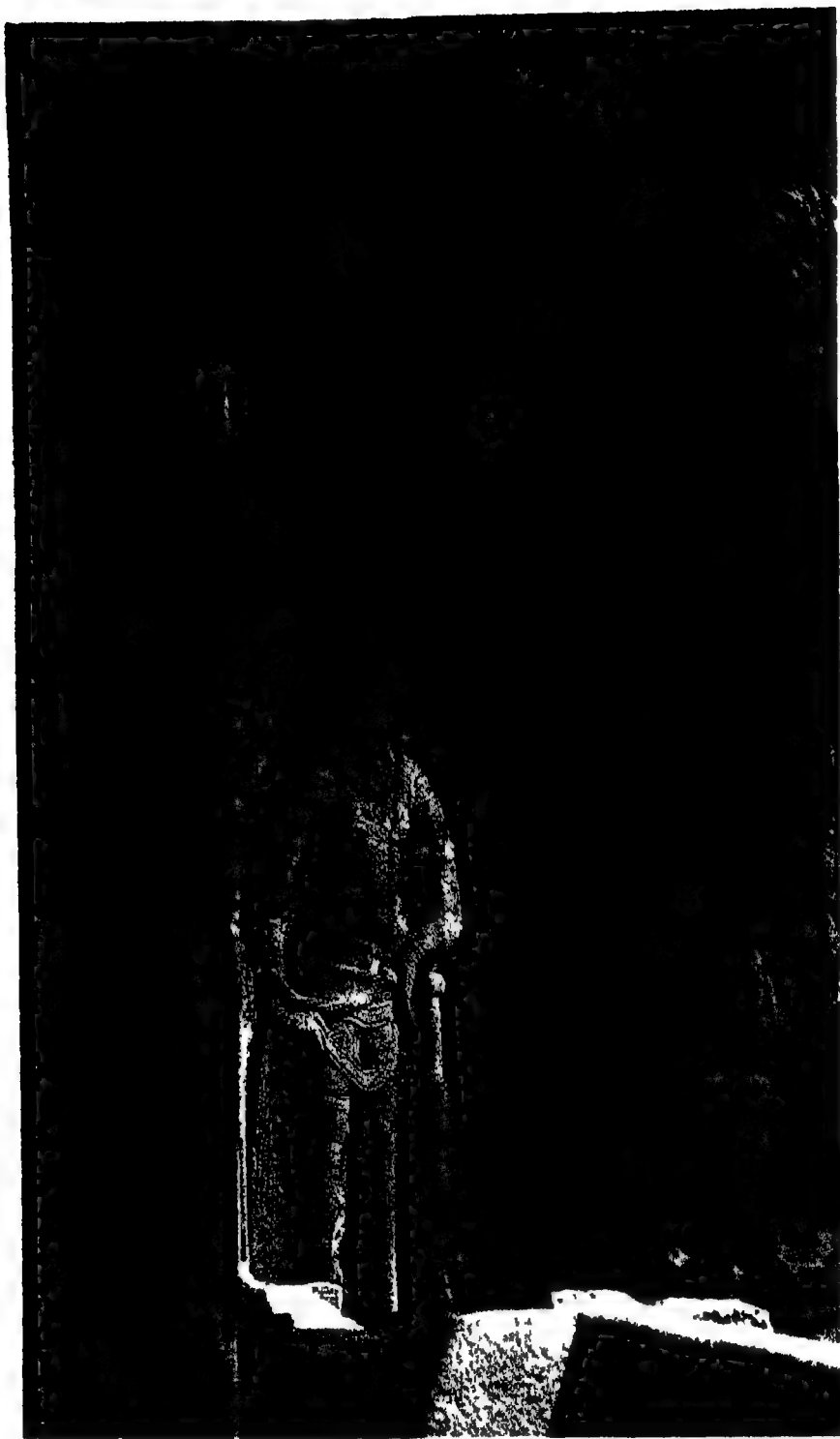


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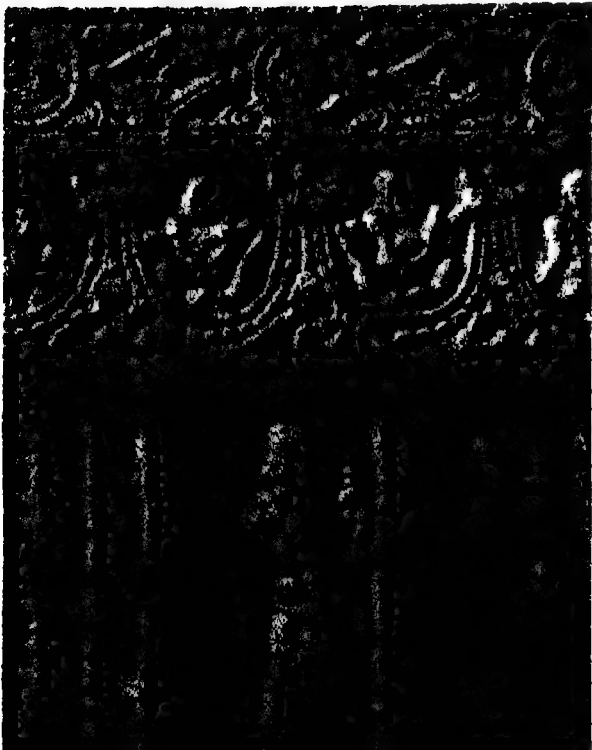


175 Dvarapala,
Rāshtrakuta 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora
*A fine example
Aesthetically and
architecturally very
pleasing*



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176 Ribbed pillars with
themes like nymphs
dwarfs, Jinas etc .
Rashtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora

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Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora

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tecturally very pleasing*

178 Elaborately carved
pleasing pierced window
with dwarf figure inset in
foliage decoration
Nolamba 9th century
A D , Hemāvati

*This is such a pleasing
school in Chālukyan style
depicting themes so well that
Rājarāja Chola the great
emperor after conquering
Hemāvati brought a similar
pierced window with Gana
dwarfs amidst the creeper
patterns carved to be used
for the mandapa of his
Rājarajeshvara temple at
Tanjāvur*



The Nolambas who ruled from Hemāvati were great Saiva worshippers but still were not unkind to the aspirations of the Jainas, and there are several very lovely Jaina images of this school one of which, probably the most charming, disappeared over forty years ago. There are others still that could vouch for the sculptor's excellence in work in the Nolamba style.

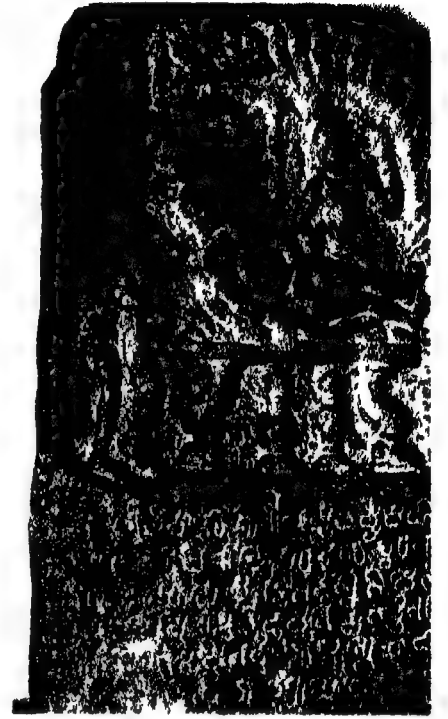
The Gaṅgas who ruled over Gaṅgavādi represent an ancient dynasty like the Kadambas. They ruled from Talkād on the Kāverī, and though powerful for a while, were eclipsed later by the power of the Chālukyas and Rāshtrakūṭas. In fact they were powerful allies both of the Chālukyas and the Rāshtrakūṭas. Though originally of the Brāhmanical faith, Durvīṭa and others were Jainas. One of the most interesting and important Gaṅga carvings is the portrait of Nitimārga, the Gaṅga monarch who succeeded Rājamalla in the ninth century which has already been mentioned. This carving is the head of a memorial stone from Daddahundi in which the king on his death-bed and the crown prince are depicted as also a nobleman who put an end to his life to get buried with his master he loved so well. Undoubtedly the greatest monument of the Gaṅgas is the colossal image of Bāhubali, the well-known Gommateśvara at Śravanabelagola which was caused and made during the time of Rāchamalla Satyavākya, the Gaṅga king, at the instance of his minister and general Chāmundaṛāya. This huge colossus that vies with others in its gigantic size but far outshines all the rest in its aesthetic charm is dated in 983 A.D. and probably is one of the finest images of its kind in India, a tribute to the fine workmanship of the Gaṅga sculptor.

Though by a coincidence, both Gommata colossi from Kārkala and from Venūr, one of the fourteenth century and the other of the seventeenth century, are from the Karnātaka region. It should be said in fairness that considering their late date, they are good enough. The anthills over their legs and the serpents issuing from them as well as the creepers entwining the figures of colossal size against the natural landscape spread over a great distance create a magnificent effect miles around. The inscription at the feet of the colossus at Śravanabelagola is not only in Kannada but in Tamil-Grantha and Nāgarī to make it of all India importance, the Deccan, south and north represented by the three scripts giving identical legend of its creation by Chāmundaṛāya. Śravanabelagola being an early Jaina centre, there is a sculpture of an earlier period and paintings of much later period all of which are interesting in this place.

As already remarked the architectural features of the temples in the South do not go according to the faith but only according to the period and the area. The Jaina *mānastambhas* are an integral part of their temples and an especially noteworthy one is from Aladaṅgaḍi in the large temple called Dodda *basadi*. It is a typical one.

As in the temple of Galatesvara at Aṅgur, the entrance gateway, a typical elaborate one, has jambs divided into a large number of *śākhās* as

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179. Elaborately carved
pleasing pierced window
showing a *nāyikā*,
Nolamba, 9th century
A D , Hemāvati



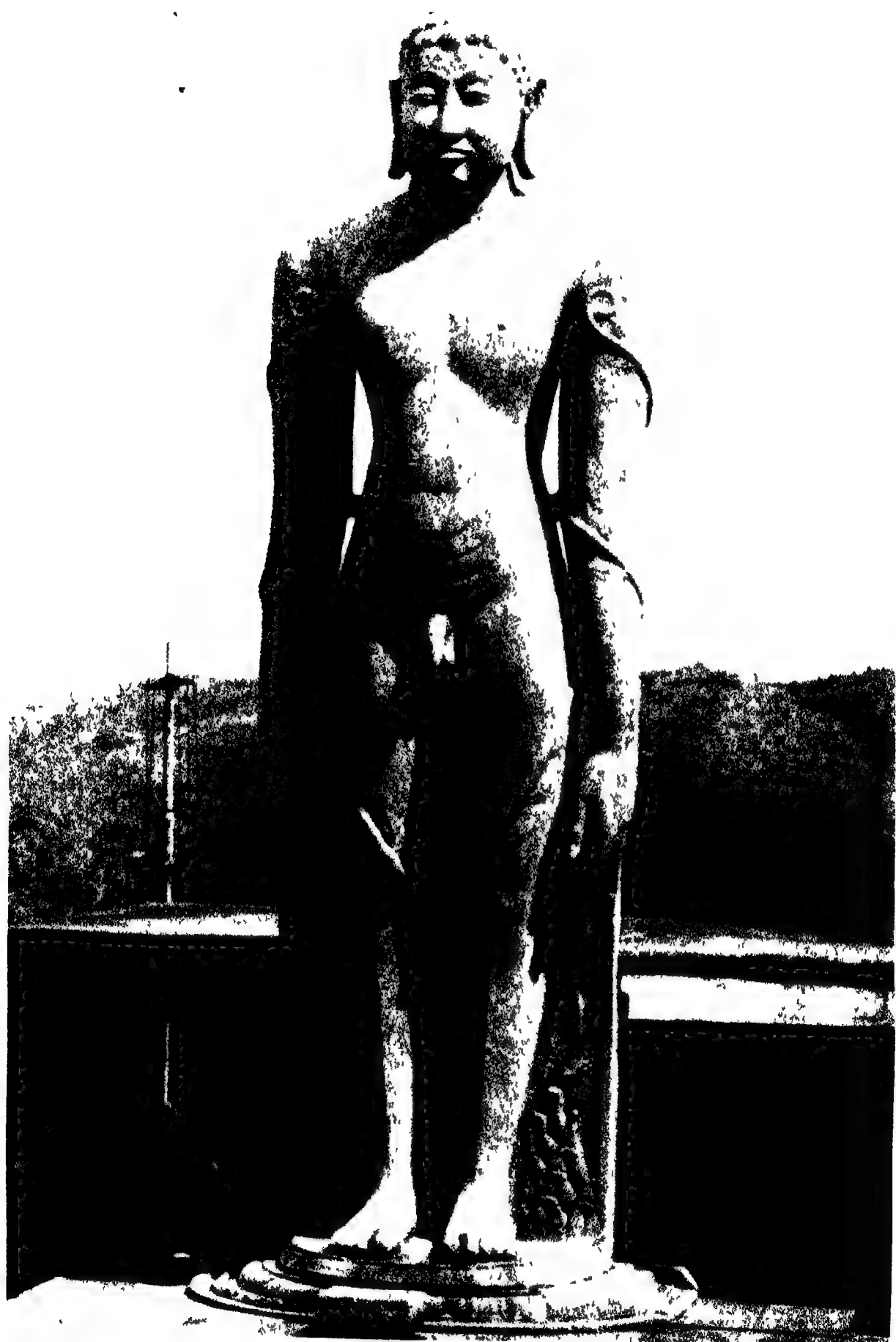
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180. Elaborately carved
pleasing pierced window
showing a *muthuna*,
Nolamba, 9th century
A D , Hemāvati

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181. Seated Tirthankara
with attendants, Nolamba,
9th century A D ,
Hemāvati



182 Colossal Gommata,
14th century A D , early
Vijayanagara, Kärkala,
Karnataka

183 Gommatesvara or
Bāhubali, exquisite
monolith, Western Ganga,
10th century A D ,
Śravanabelagola,
three-fourth view
Masterpiece

184. Inscription in
Tamil-Grantha, Kannada
and Nāgarī describing in
identical legend the
creation of Gommatesvara
by Chāmundaṛāya,
Western Ganga, 10th
century A D



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185 Elephant running and abutting on a rearing lion disgorging a thick floral pattern of rhizome from its mouth 12th century A D , Anneri, Dhārwar district

This is a theme of the balustrade of steps, styled surulvāli in Tamul area, and very popular in temple architecture



186. Close up, type of
mūnastambhu
Vijayanagara 14th century
A.D. Kārkala



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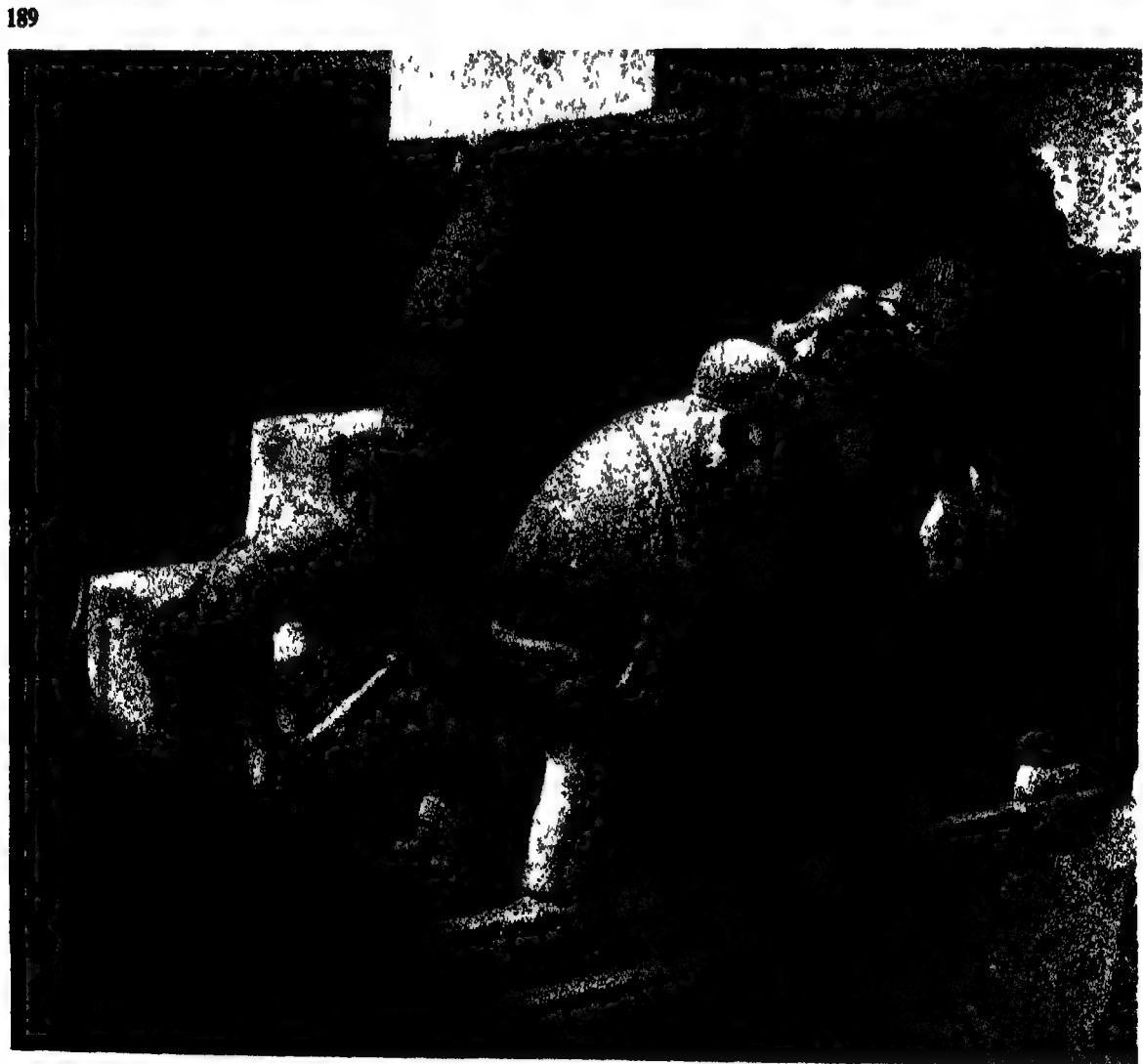
187. *Mūnastambhu* of
temple, late Western
Chālukya Āladangadi,
Dodda basadi
*The usual type occurring in
Jaina temples*



188. Similar elephant theme on balustrade

189. Similar running elephant on balustrade

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many as seven, with the lower part decorated with *alasakanyās* or *madanika*s as they are known and floral decoration right up to the *lalātabimba* or the lintel, decorated with Gajalakshmi in the centre, and with three more tiers above, the first decorated with seven panels, varying in breadth making them narrow or broad as required, for Gaṇeśa, Kārtikeya, Devī and Natarāja Śiva, the second tier or central one, for the trinity i.e. Brahmā, Śiva and Viṣṇu, and the top one, immediately below the large *kīrtimukha* above, illustrating any of the deities of the pantheon suitable as decorative figures, even Tīrthaṅkaras not excluded, illustrating the approach of the sculptors towards a common heritage of pantheons making no difference between Brāhmanical and Jaina, the architectural principles being the same and to an extent even the decorative patterns.

The large elephant almost running into and abutting the rearing lion with mouth agape disgorging a floral pattern as a thick rhizome with tendrils issuing at intervals to form circular bights in floral pattern encircling dance and musical figures of exquisite beauty, making up what are familiar as the *śurulyāli* type in Tamil Nādu, is typical exquisite example of late Chālukya work from Annigeri in Dhārwar district. The running monolithic elephant with the *mahout* running ahead, warriors behind, shows a theme from the battlefield utilised by the sculptor for temple decoration. It is a lovely sculpture from Banavāsī of late Chālukya date. In the Vira Nārāyaṇa temple at Belvādī in Chikamagalūr district, the theme of a Tīrthaṅkara canopied by a floral pattern above, next to an exquisite Venugopāla and a *Surasundarī* to the other side, in addition to Viṣṇu, Vāmana, Garuda and other figures, shows the catholic spirit of the sculptor as already observed right through the centuries. In this period of embellishment in temples, the ceiling of the *mandapa* with its pattern recalling similar patterns of Chaulukya workmanship from Gujarāt as in the large Kamala *basadi* in Belgaum is noteworthy. Equally interesting is a pierced window of the screened *mandapas* noticeable here itself. These are examples of late Chālukya work. The Hoysalas imbibed the same tradition of the same type as seen in the Śiva temple at Halebidu or the Channakeśava at Belūr.

Intriguing and almost as if prepared by the same talented sculptor of the Chālukyan court appear the two carvings almost identical in detail, though iconography insists on a small variation, Ambikā and Śrutadevī from Terdal in Bījāpur district. A lovely Chakreśvarī of date earlier than a century from Betageri from Dhārwar is another charming example.

One of the most beautiful seated figures of Tīrthaṅkaras of this date is from the Ādinātha temple at Chikavādī in Belgaum though yet a whit less charming than the smaller Tīrthaṅkaras from the Sāntinātha temple with or without attendant *chaurī*-bearers from Kambaḍahalli and Harsūr in Māndyā and Gulbarga districts respectively. The late Western Chālukya masterpieces from the Neminātha temple in Amminabhāvi in Dhārwar of standing Tīrthaṅkara Mahāvīra, with his Yaksha and Yakshī seated flanking him, as also Supārśvanātha and Pārśvanātha, the rest of the twentyone Tīrthaṅkaras aesthetically arranged in the *makara-torana* above, the umbrella delicately chiselled with an embellishment of rare charm, even in a period when decadence in art style had already set in, is admirable.

The ceiling is also interesting study when we observe the sequence of development of style progressing in a natural way. Natarāja is the usual favourite central figure in the ninefold division of the ceiling as in the beautiful example from Aralaguppe or Viṣṇu with consorts as in the Vaiṣṇava cave ceiling at Bādāmi. The Tīrthaṅkara with attendants and

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190 & 190ABC Ceiling of *pañchakūṭa* type of temple showing Dikpālas including Neminātha, Indra and Yama, Rāshtrakūṭa, 10th century A D , Kambadahallī, Māndyā district



190 A

190 B



190 C





191 Running monolithic elephant with *mahout* preceding the animal and warriors following, late Chālukya, 12th century A D , Banavāsī

This is also a very interesting theme

192 Pierced window screen from Belūr, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Channakesava temple, Belūr

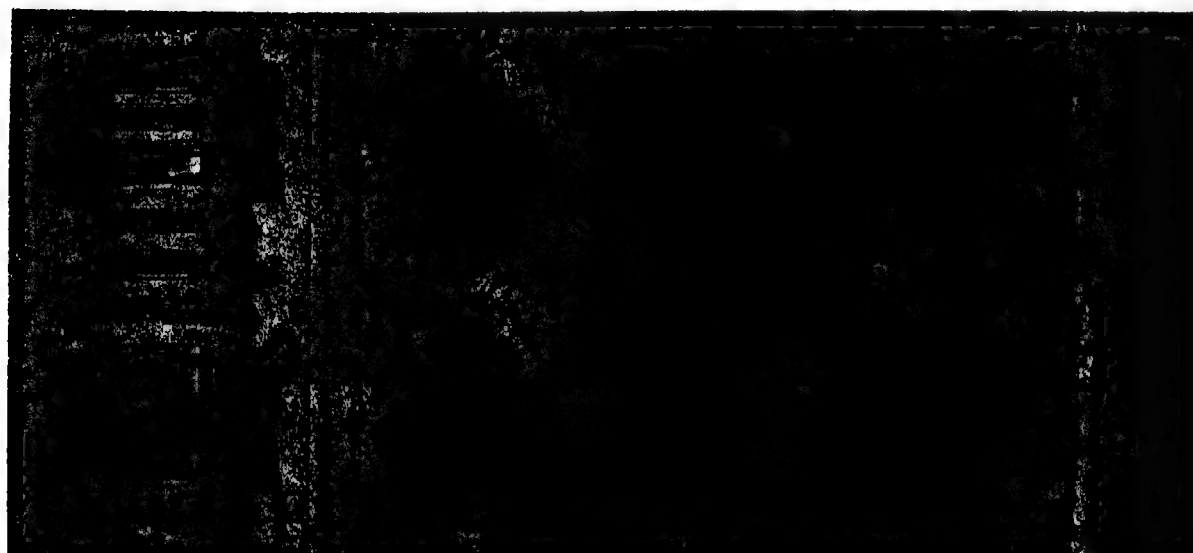
193. Pierced window in *mandapa* late Chālukya, 12th century A D , Kamala *hasadi*, Belgaum

Resembling mandapa of Channakesava temple in Halebidu and Belūr



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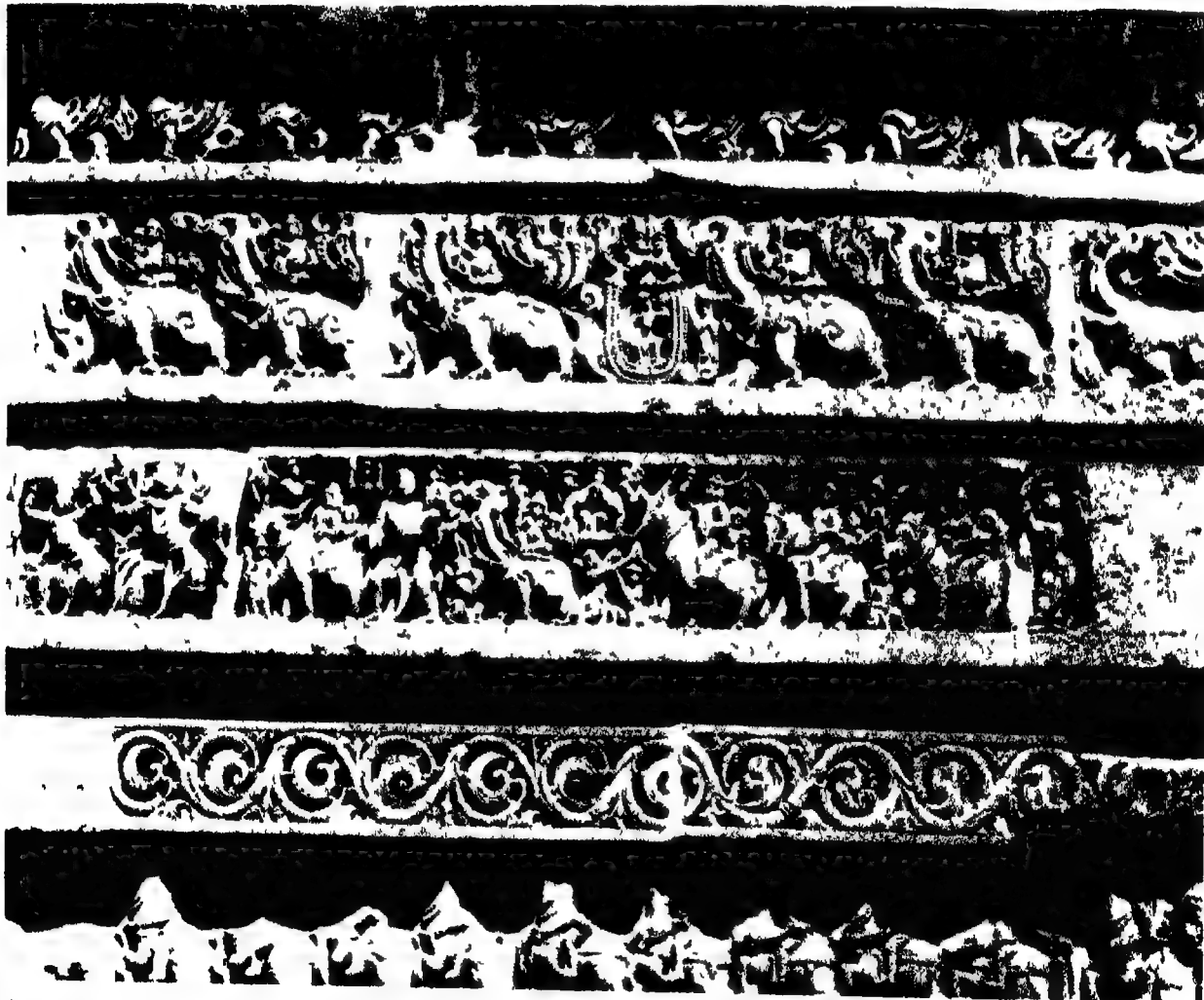


194 & 194A. Friezes of swans *makaras*, etc going along the pierced screens of the window Hoysala, 12th century A D , Channa kesava temple Belūr



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194A



195. Seated Yakshi,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th-10th
century A D ,
Dānavulapādu Cuddapah
district, Govt Museum
Madras

196. Supārśvanātha
standing, hood broken,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Dānavulapādu,
Cuddapah district, Govt
Museum, Madras

197. Pārśvanātha standing,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th-10th
century A D ,
Dānavulapādu, Cuddapah
district, Govt Museum,
Madras

Delicately carved



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198 Ceiling of *mandapu* with *mañjarī* pattern recalling examples from Gujarāt, late Chālukya, 12th century A D , Kamala *basadi*, Belgaum

199. Ambikā, Western Chālukya, 11th century A D , Terdal, Bijāpur district

200. Śrutadevī, Western Chālukya, 11th century A D , Terdal, Bijāpur district





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201 Chaumukha on
bathing pedestal
Rāshtrakūta 9th-10th
century A D
Dānavulapadu Cuddapah
district Govt Museum,
Madras

*The inscribed bathing
pedestal is elaborately
carved*

202 & 202A Chaumukha on
pedestal Rāshtrakūta,
9th-10th century A D ,
Dānavulapadu, Cuddapah
district Govt Museum,
Madras

Elaborately carved

203 Close up of bathing *chaumukha* on pedestal, Rashtrakuta, 10th century A D , Dānavulapādu Cuddapah district, Govt Museum, Madras

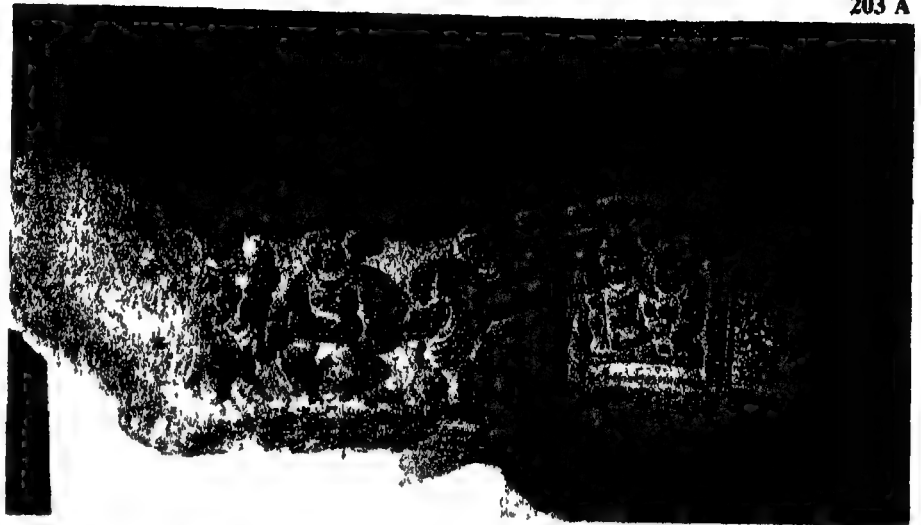
The pedestal shows Dikpālas, Lakshmi and other celestials elaborately curved



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203 A

203A Further portion of the same pedestal, close up showing Dikpālas and other celestials, Rāshtrakūta, 10th century A D , Dānavulapādu, Cuddapah district Govt Museum, Madras



204. *Nishidhi* memorial stone, Rāshtrakūta, 11th century A D , Danavulapādu Cuddapah district Govt Museum, Madras

202 A

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205 Standing Tirthankara
Adinātha with Yaksha
and Yakshi flanking and
also Suparsvanatha
Parsvanatha and rows of
the twentyone Tirthankaras
arranged on the *makara-
torana* Western Chalukya
11th century A D
Neminatha temple,
Aminabhāvi, Dharwar
district

*This is an exceedingly
charming exquisite
sculpture*

206 Seated Tirthankara
Chalukya 11th century
A D Adinatha temple
Chikkodi Belgaum

A fine specimen

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207 Gommatesvara or
Bahubali: exquisite
monolith. Western Ganga,
10th century A.D.,
Sravanabelagola
three-fourth view
Masterpiece



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208 View of
Sravanabelagola

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209. Tirthankara with
chauri-bearers as
attendants, Harsūr,
Gulbarga district

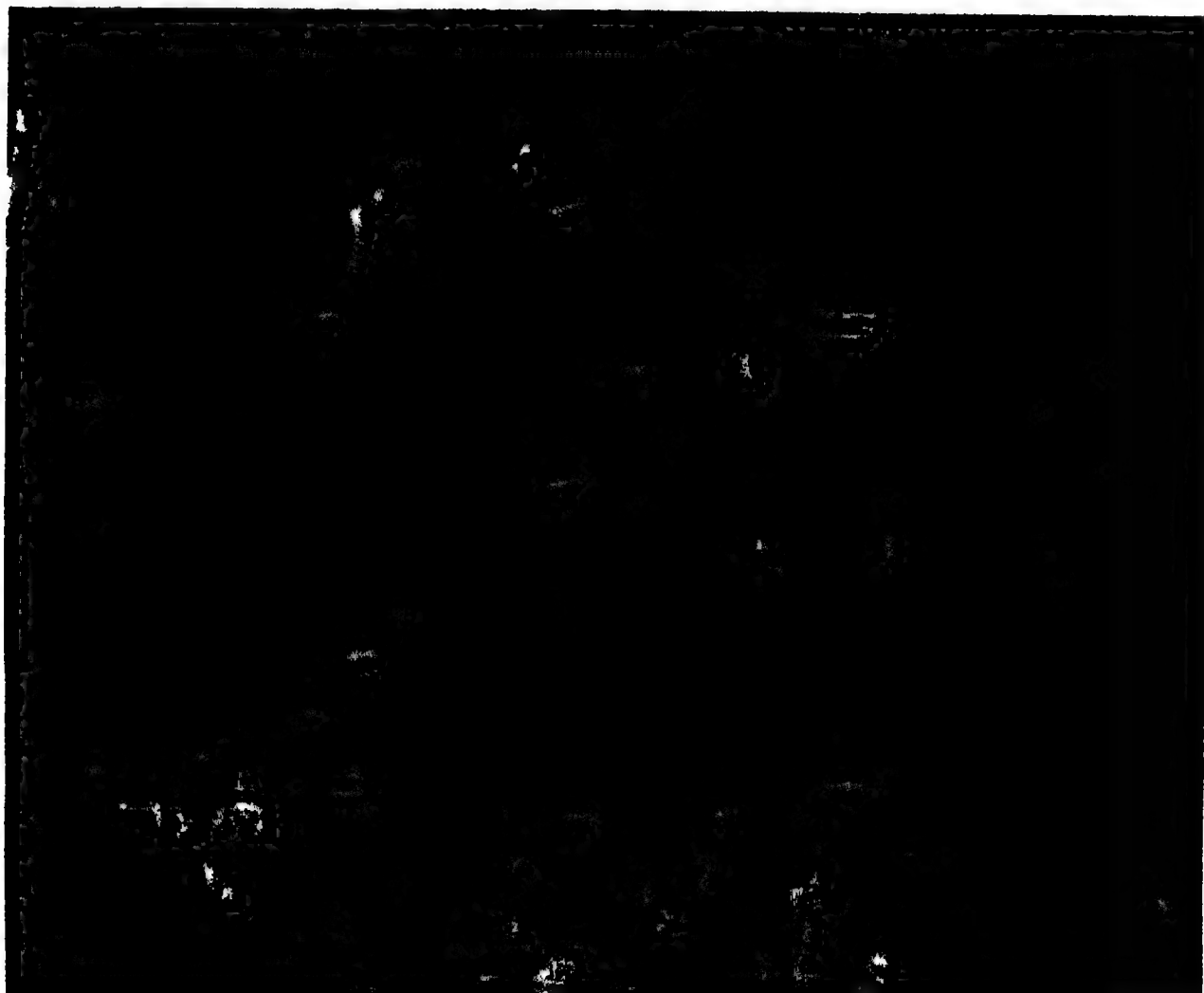
210. Tirthankara with
chauri-bearer attendants,
Chālukya, Harsūr,
Gulbarga district

211 & 211A Natarāja
centrally located amidst
Dikpālas like Tirthankara
in Kambadahallī, Western
Chālukya, 11th century
A D , Arālguppe
*This ceiling piece of
Nataraja amidst Dikpālas is
the most magnificent of the
earlier phase of later
Western Chālukya sculpture*



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211A





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212 Dvārapāla
Rāshtrakūta, 10th century
A D , Kambadahalli,
Māndyā district

*This shows the charm of
fusion of Chola and
Rāshtrakūta elements*

213. Close up of the same
Dvārapāla



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214 Detail of
chauri-bearer,
Rāshtrakūta, 10th century
A D , Kambadahalli,
Māndyā district

*This is a fine one of delicate
workmanship*

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215 Tirthankara with
chauri-bearers,
Rāshtrakūta, 10th century
A D , Kambadahalli,
Māndyā district

*This is a fine one of delicate
workmanship*

devotees centrally located in the ninefold division of the ceiling of Kambadahalli, with each of the eight squares around the central one showing a Dikpāla on his vehicle in quick motion, flying Vidyādhara in adoration at the four corners of the central square, is typical of the Karnātaka region presently the Chālukya norm as in Nolamba examples from Hemāvati, while the descending series of petals composing the central *mañjarī* of the ceiling as from Kamala *Basadi* in Belgaum is in the Chālukya style popular and natural in Gujarāt and Rājasthān

The *dvārapālas* from Kambadahalli are similarly more in the southern style influenced by a liberal absorption of Chola element in the late Rāshtrakūta style which is continued. In the presentation of these figures in the Sāntinātha temple as a pair, one differing from the other and yet both balancing mutually, there is indeed the sculptor's triumph in determining the norms of aesthetic taste. The beautiful *chauri*-bearer is indeed as close in spirit to the *dvārapālas* as the exquisite seated Tirthaṅkara with or without attendants and particularly the slim standing Tirthaṅkara in a niche roofed by a clever arrangement of parasols and tree foliage topped by a pair of adoring Vidyādhara. The fastidiously studied anatomy of the animal in the long frieze of elephants is remarkable for its charming treatment. There are individual sculptures here of Yakshas and Yakshīs, Ambika, for example, from Kambadahalli. Kubera from the Sāntinātha temple in the same place, the seated Yakshī from Belgāvi, to be compared with a sculpture nearly four centuries earlier of early Chālukya date—a standing Yakshī, originally from the Bijāpūr Museum now preserved in the Madras Government Museum.

Halebidu was a great centre of Jainism, where, as Vishnuvardhana fed his devotional exuberance by embellishing the Śiva temple there, his queen Sāntalā equally had her way in her faith building and endowing Jain monuments. The columns composing the *mandapa* of the Jain temple here approached by steps with running elephants on either side, recalling the charm of the similar ones of slightly later date from Konarak, are interesting. The memorial stones here—one of them for a Satī, and another depicting a hero fighting, caring aught for his life which, lost on the battlefield, could take him to the sphere of his chosen deity, in this case of the Tirthaṅkara, to sit in eternal devotion at his feet, conveyed thither by nymphs hovering above the battling warriors to carry the glorious dead to heaven in glittering celestial cars, a belief deeply enshrined in the Indian mind, are typical of their kind.

The quality of work at Halebidu is easily judged by sculptures in the local Museum like a *sālabhañjikā* gathering flowers, dressed in a garment so exquisitely patterned, her hair done up so well, large rings on her lobes, necklets and sacred thread fashioned as in horn, a musical nymph similarly conceived and executed in pretty stance sounding the drum, comparable to a male drummer equally inviting in charm. Effective simple seated and standing Tirthaṅkara offset these so elaborate.

The decoration of the remains of the Jain *Srī basadi* in ruins in Halebidu showing the Tirthaṅkara picturesquely seated with tapering triple umbrellas above and gracefully inclined *chauri*-bearers in *tribhanga*, Yakshas, Yakshīs, mermaids, Śaṅkhamidhi, Padmanidhi, a myriad other themes of great interest, is worth close and detailed scrutiny. The rhapsody of the sculptor in the Karnātaka region about this time can well be imagined by comparing such themes from different places, sometimes even small fragments, as for instance the *sālabhañjikā* in Gaṅgā form, the Padmanidhi dwarf and the *dvārapāla* with his club guarding the doorway, with the *makara-torana* issuing as a creeper pattern from the gaping

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216. Seated Tīrthankara
without attendants,
Rāshtrakūta-Chālukya
transition, 10th-11th
century A D .
Kambadahalli, Māndyā
district

217 Seated Tīrthankara
with decorative *makara*
background as back-rest,
Chālukya, 11th century
A D , Kambadahalli,
Māndyā district

218. Standing Tīrthankara
in niche, roofed by
arrangement of parasols,
tree foliage and topped by
adoring *nādis*,
Vidyadharas Rāshtrakūta,
9th-10th century A D ,
Pañchakūta-basadi,
Kambadahalli, Māndya
district

*This is an excellent
charming carving that can
take rank with the best
masterpieces of the period*



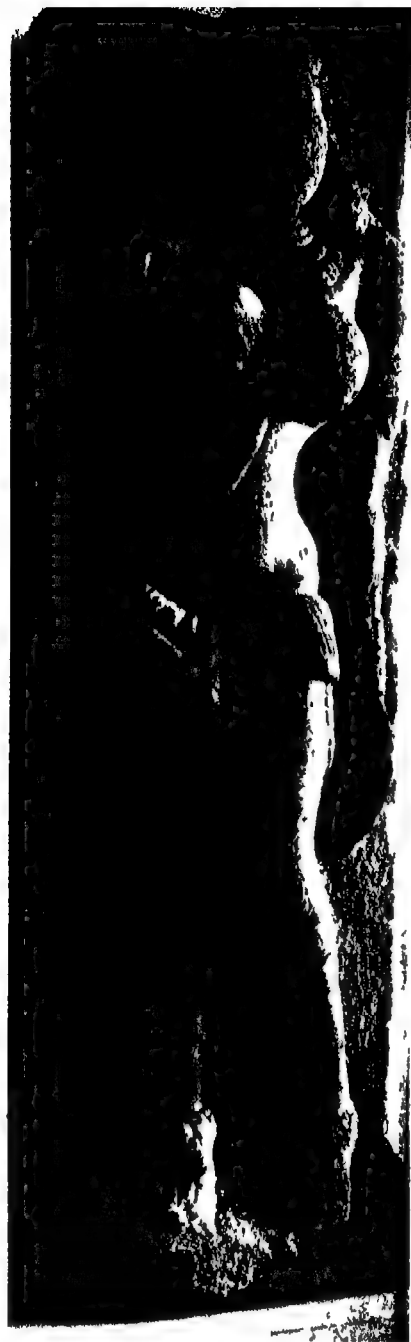
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219 Standing Yakshī
early Chalukya, 8th century
A D , originally from
Bijapur, now in the Govt
Museum Madras

220 Mandapa of Jaina
temple with running
elephant as balustrade for
steps, Hoysala, 12th
century A D , Halebidu



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221. Long frieze of
elephants, Rāshtrakūta,
9th-10th century A D
Kambadahallī, Māndyā
district

*The animal has been studied
with a rare passionate
devotion to the subject and
it is no mean achievement to
represent so beautifully the
elephant that is already such
a favourite theme and in the
representation of which the
Indian sculptor so excels
That it still arrests attention
is because of the quality of
workmanship both in this
and the next two Plates*

222 Long frieze of
elephants Rāshtrakuta,
9th-10th century A D
Kambadahallī Māndyā
district

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223 Kubera
Rāshtrakūta-Chālukya
transition, 10th-11th
century A D Santinātha
temple, Kambadahallī,
Māndyā district

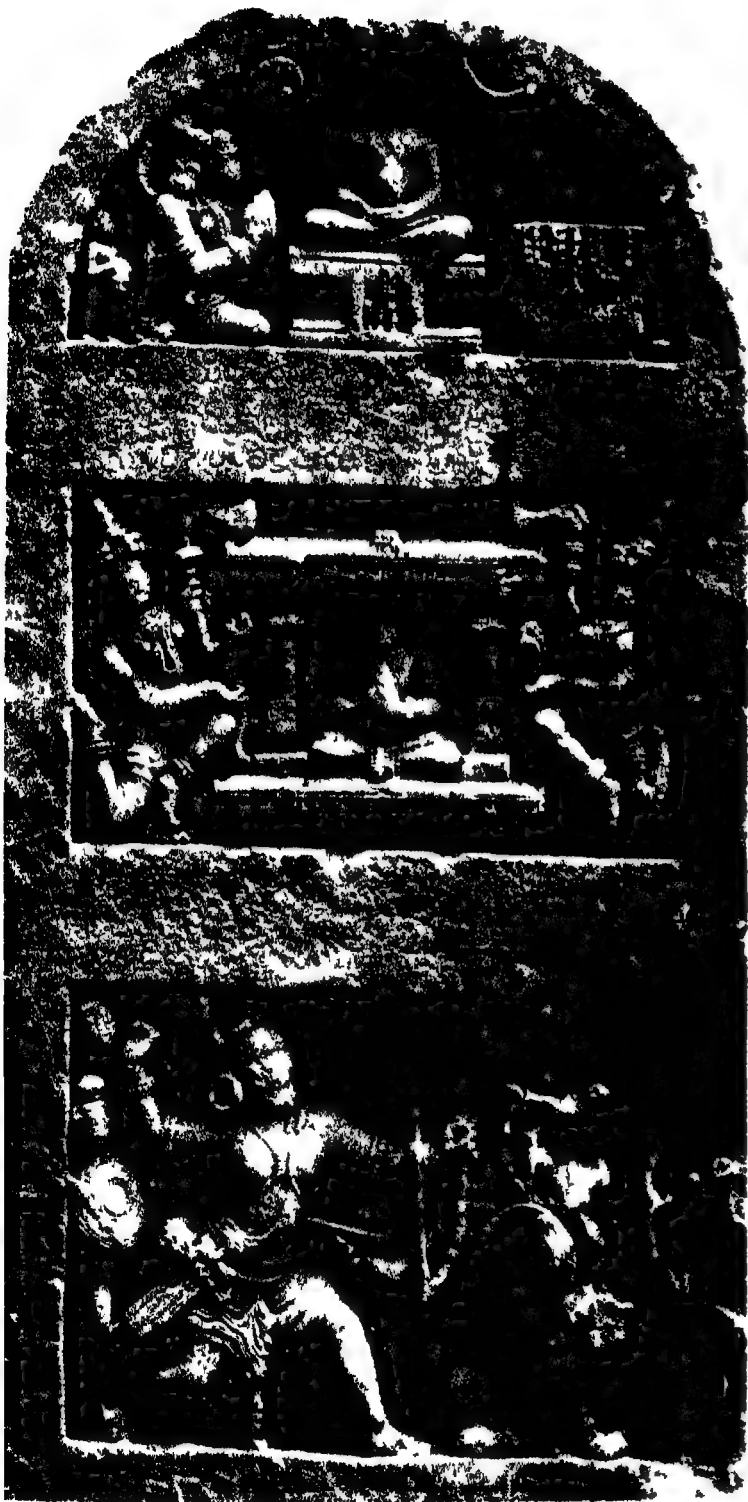


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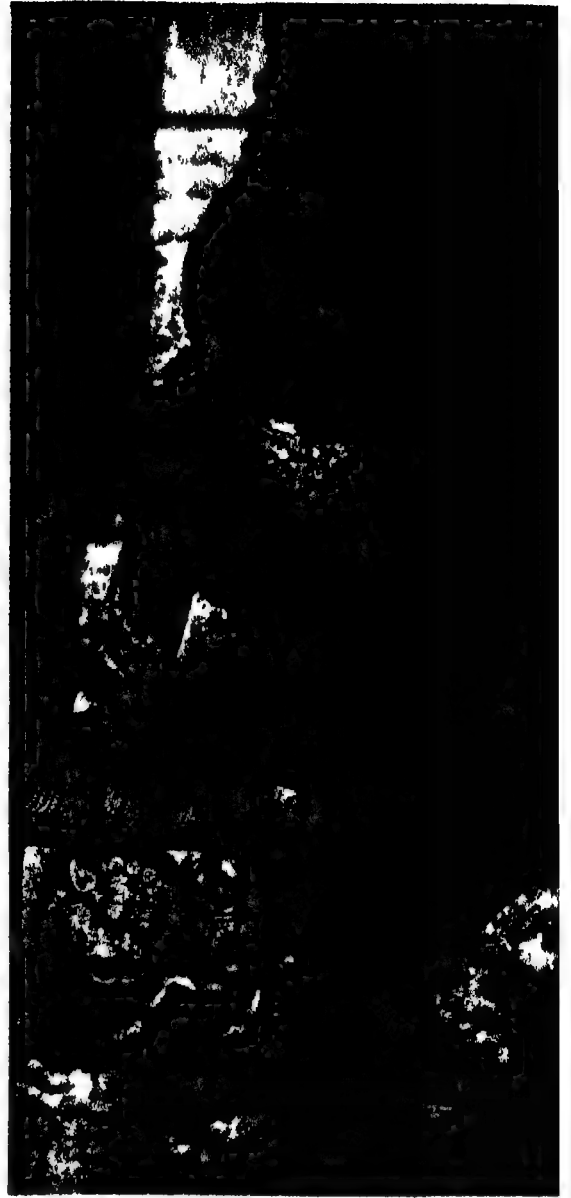
224. Long frieze of
elephants, Rāshtrakuta
9th-10th century A D ,
Kambadahallī Māndyā
district



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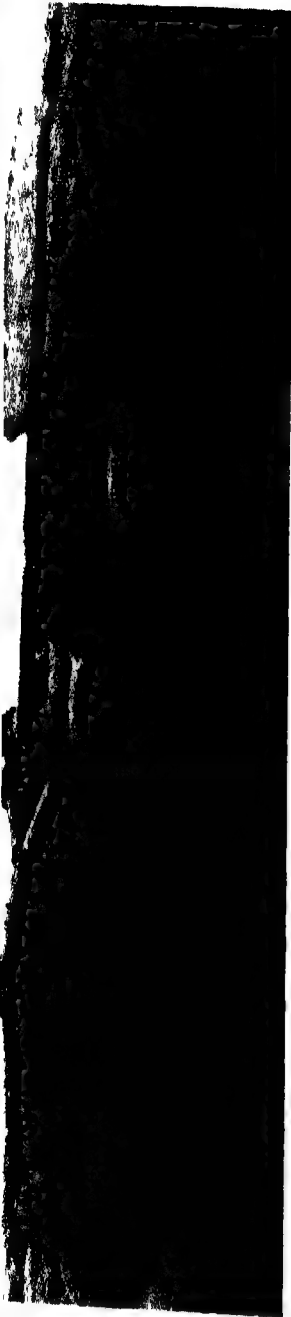


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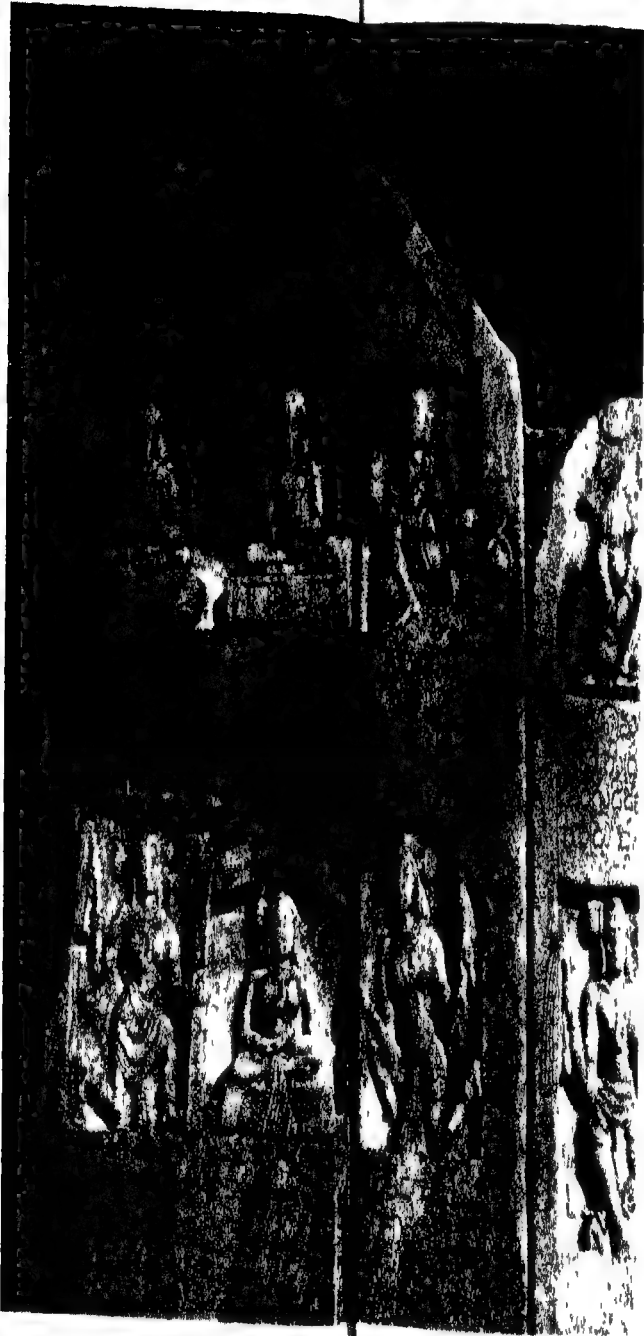
225. Ambikā, Chālukya,
11th century A D ,
Kambadahalli, Māndyā
district

226. Memorial stone for a
hero that died on the
battlefield, conducted by
nymphs in a celestial car to
heaven to be in constant
adoration of the
Tirthankara, Hoysala, 12th
century A D Halebidu

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227. Musical nymphs
sounding the drum,
Hoysala 12th century
A.D., Halebidu



228. Sati memorial stone
for the devoted wife
Chalukya 11th-12th
century A.D., Belgavi,
Shimoga district Local
Museum

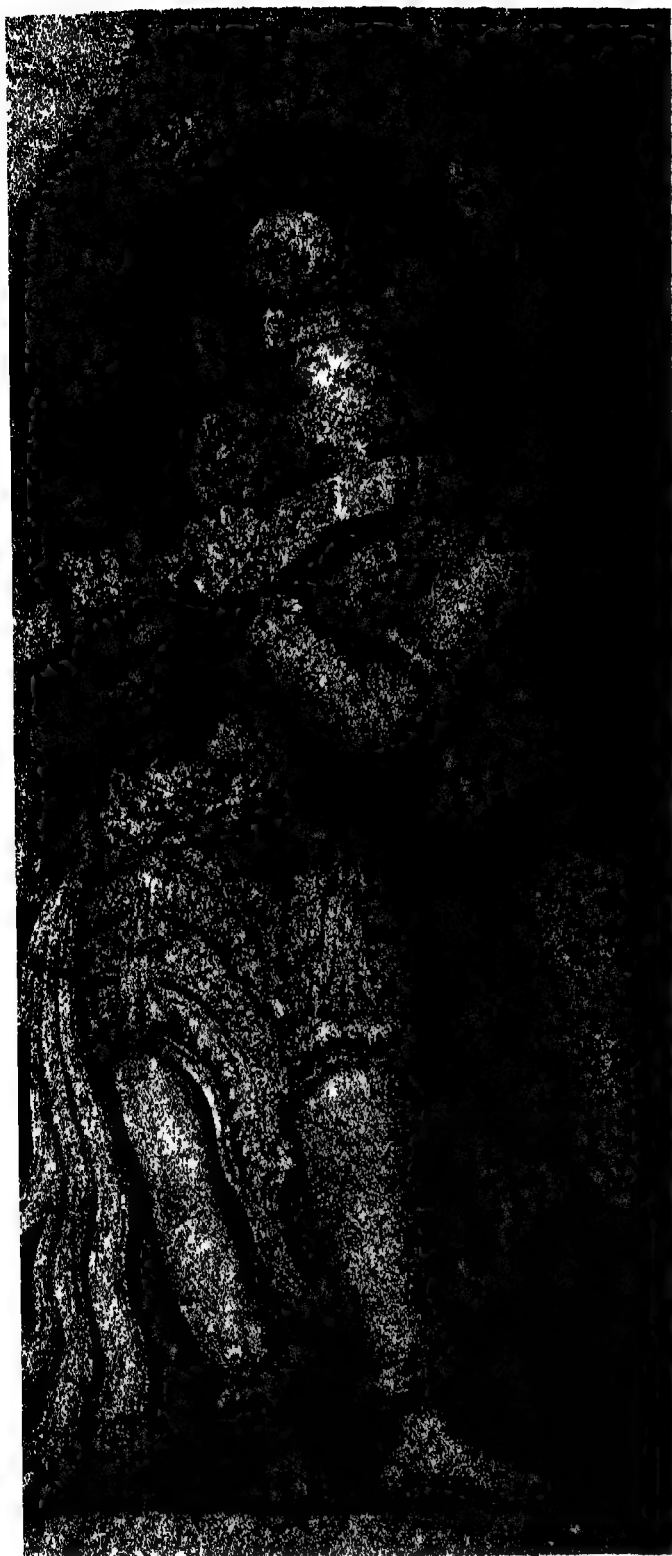


229. Salabhanjika,
gathering flowers, 12th
century A.D., Hoysala
Halebidu

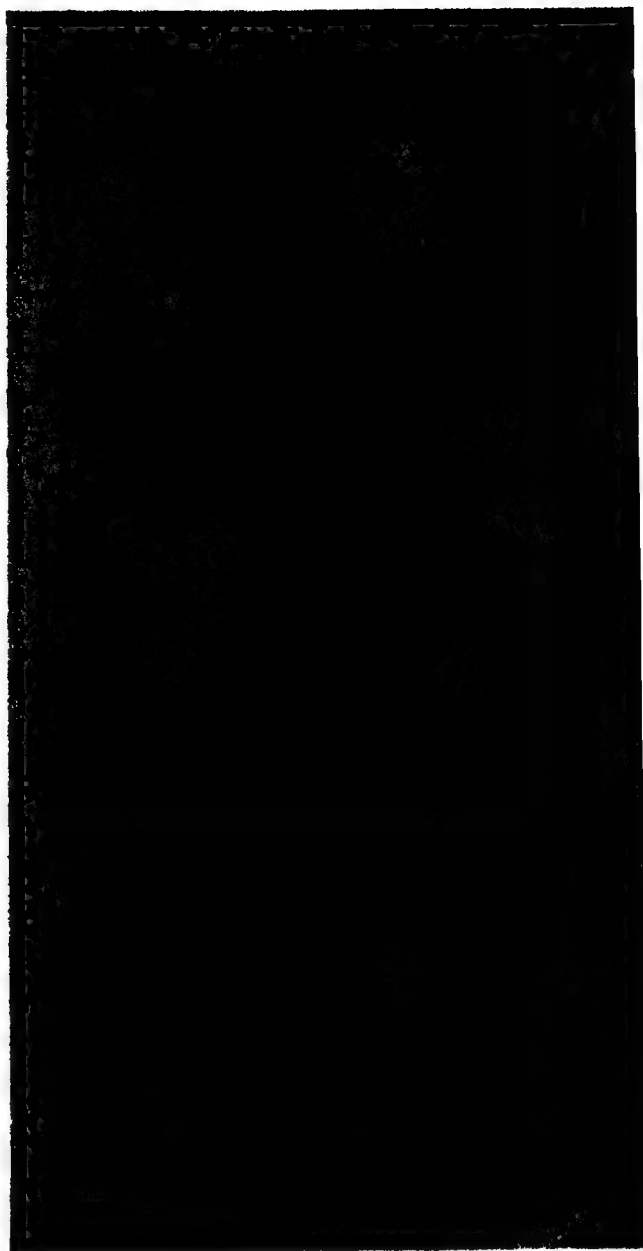
*The pattern of the garment
and the general treatment of
the figure distinguish it as a
very charming one*



230 Seated Tirthankara
Chalukya, 11th century
A D Halkidhi



231. Flutist, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Sravanabelagola



232 Male drummer, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Halebidu

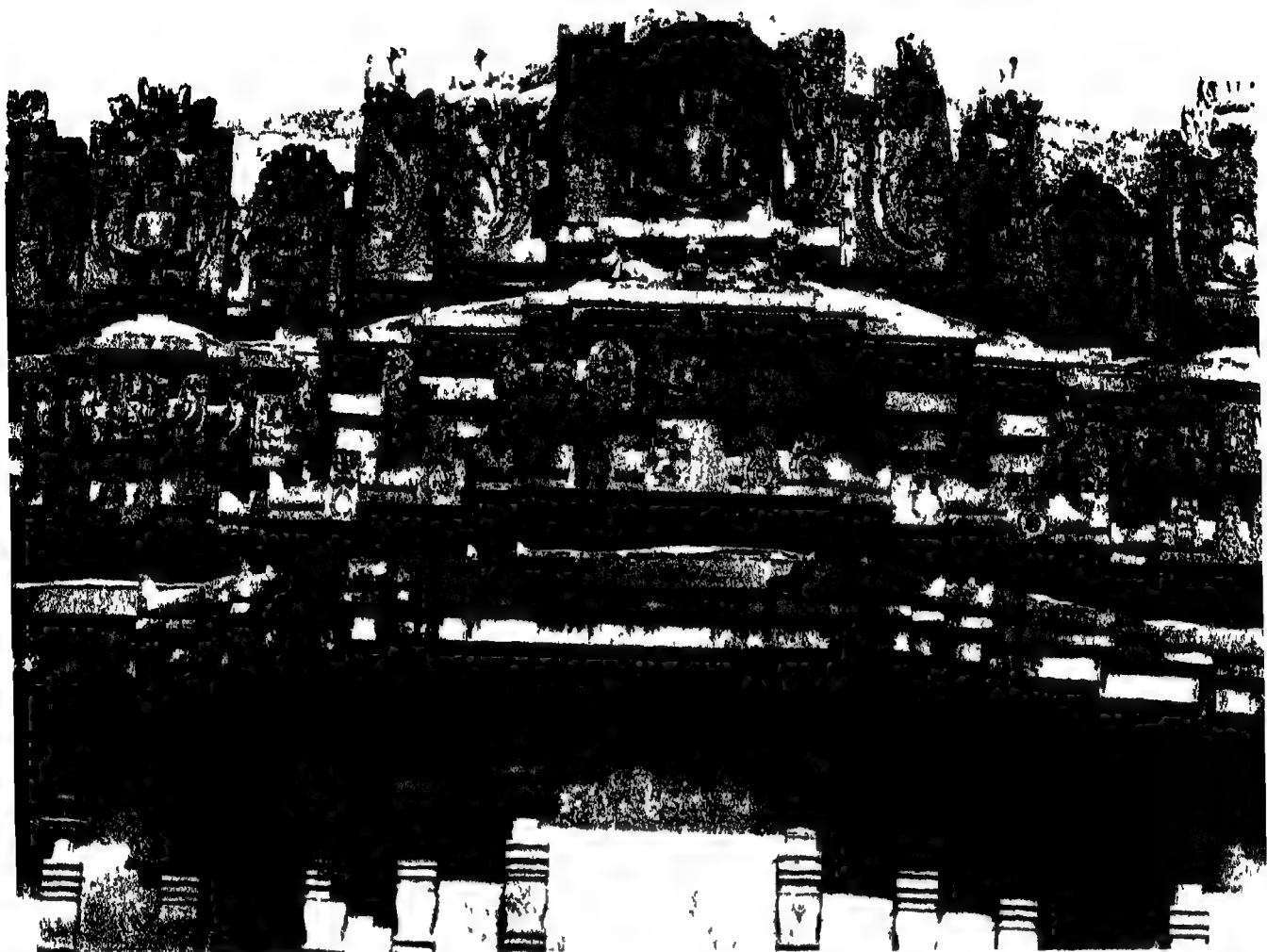


233. Standing Tirthankara,
Hoysala, 12th century
A D , Halebidu

234. Standing Tirthankara,
Hoysala, 12th century
A D , Halebidu

235. Seated Pārsvanātha
with *chauri*-bearers
Chālukya, 11th century
A D , Chandragiri





236 Decorated portion of the lower part of the Jaina *hasadi* in ruins, Hoysala 12th century A D , Halebidu

237 Gangā in salabhañjikā form, *Padmanidhi*, dwarf and Dvārapala all on door jamb guarding the doorway with *makara-torana*, Chālukya, 11th century A D , Jaina temple Harsur Gulbarga district

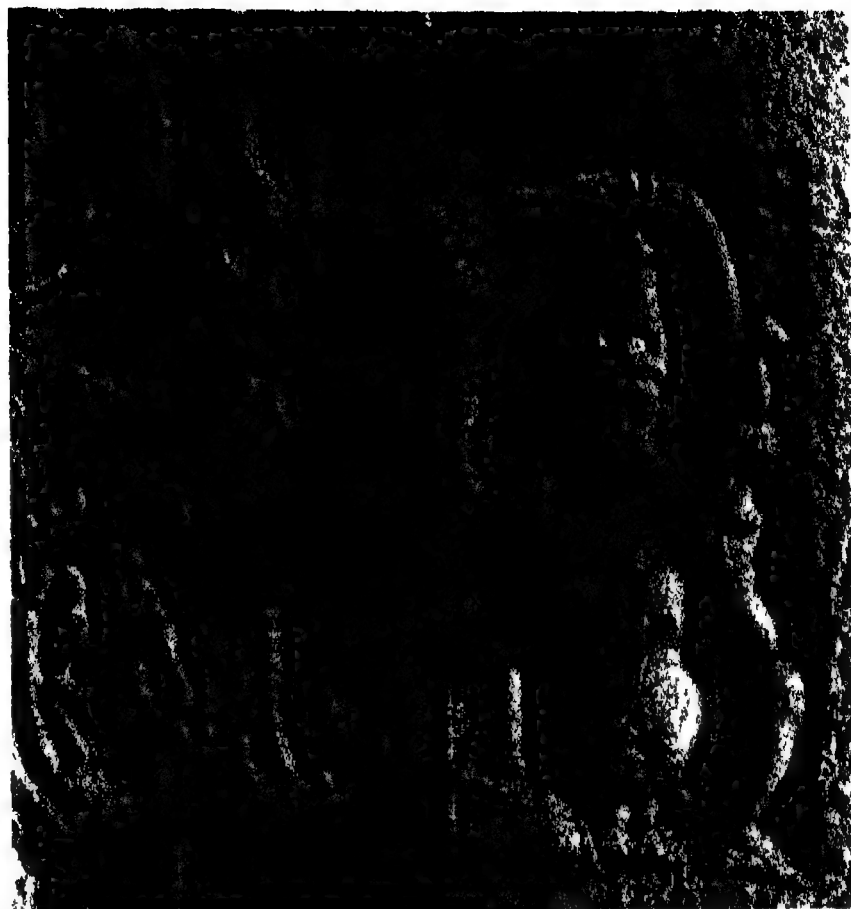
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238 *Padmanidhi*,
Rashtrakuta, 9th century
A D Ellora

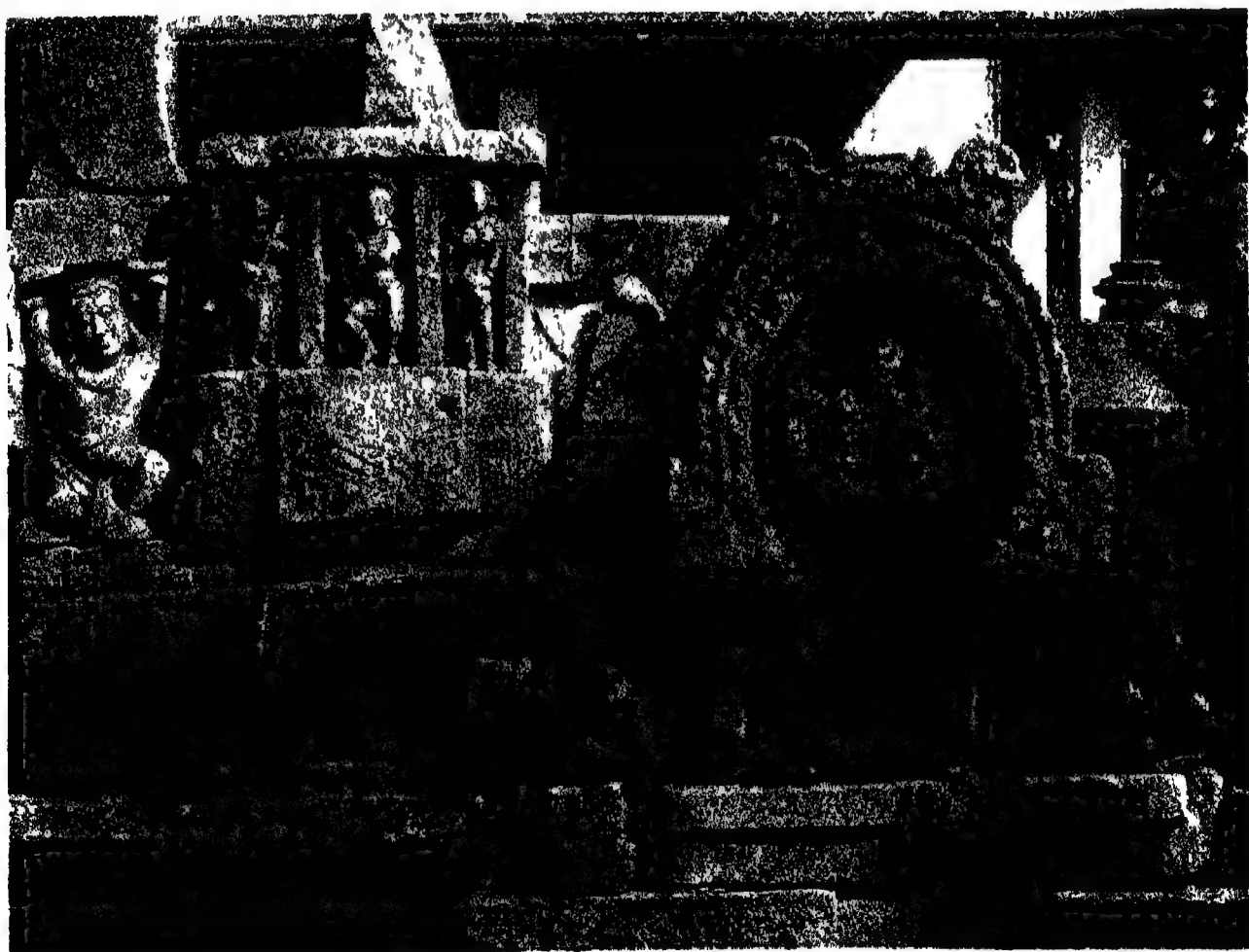
*The typical charming dwarf
with the lotus, source of
treasure*

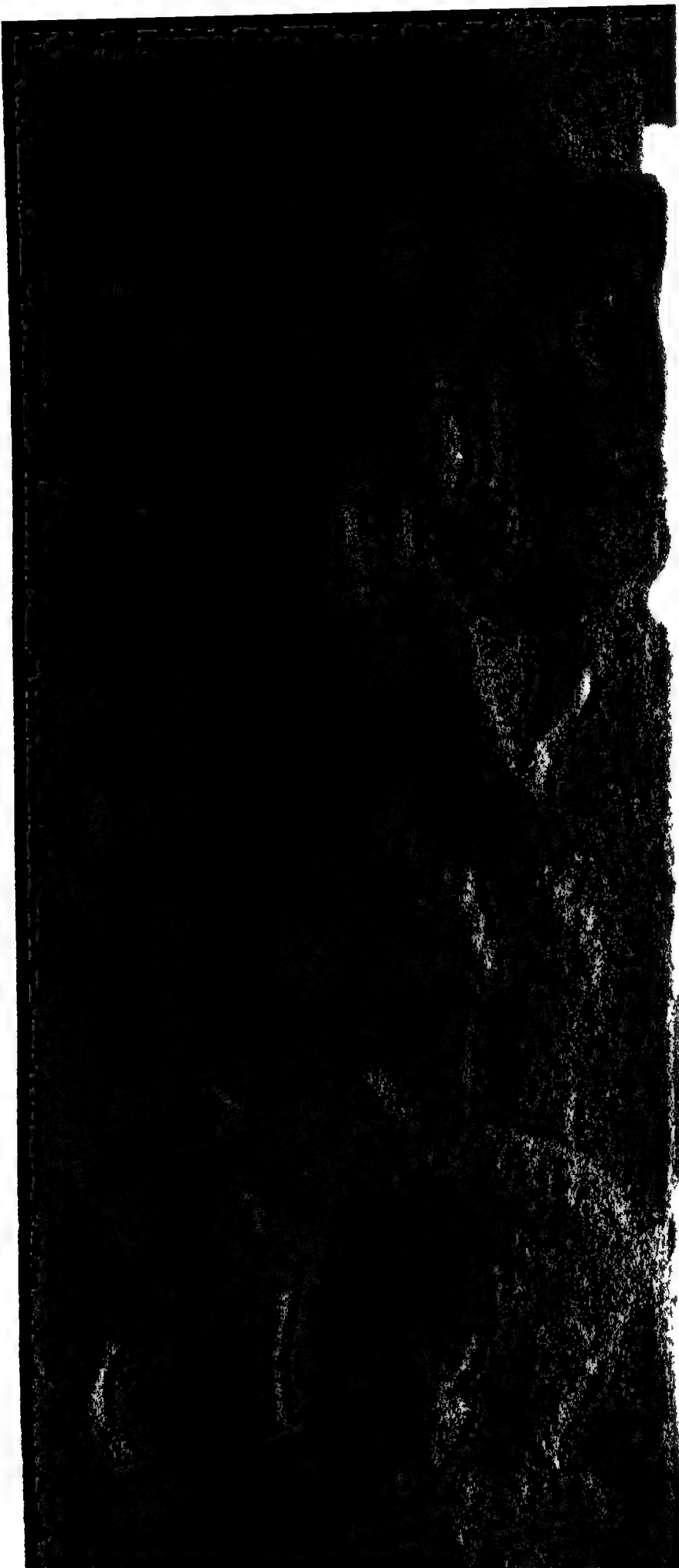
239 Architectural details
showing *kudu*, caryatids
and other details, 10th
century A D Humcha
Shimoga district



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240 A tumbler climbing a pole, Vijayanagara 17th century A D Karkala
The lower portion shows the view of *Gaja-vrishabha* combination of bull and elephant, late Vijayanagara 17th century A D Moodbidri

The combination of Gaja-vrishabha, elephant and the bull as composite figure to illustrate a pictorial pun or paronomasia is a favourite device of the sculptor and painter. The idea is taken from a philosophical reference to an illusory vision

241 Musicians and dancers, drummers, pipers, vocalist and cymbal player, Chālukya 11th-12th century A D , Humcha, Shimoga district

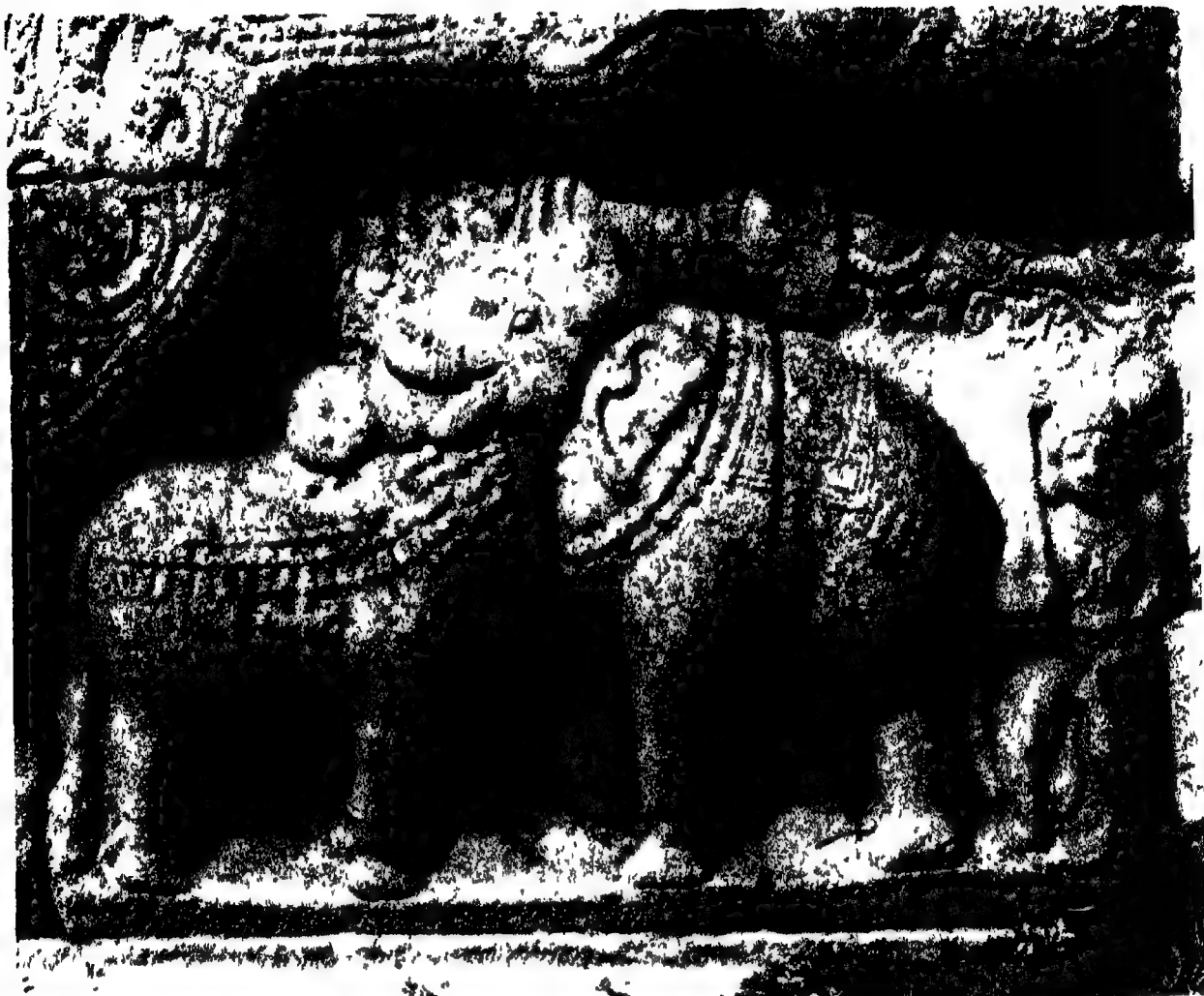


242 Musicians and dancers drummers, pipers vocalist and cymbal player, Chālukya, 11th-12th century A D Humcha, Shimoga district

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243 *Gaja-vrishabha*, combination of bull and elephant, Chola, 12th century A D , Dārāsūram

The theme as found in the Tamil area in Chola territory. The popularity of the theme is almost universal which can be traced back to the Gupta age, as it even occurs at Deogurh. The theme was so popular that it is found repeated by the Chola craftsman in a Siva temple in Ceylon as pointed out by Coomaraswamy

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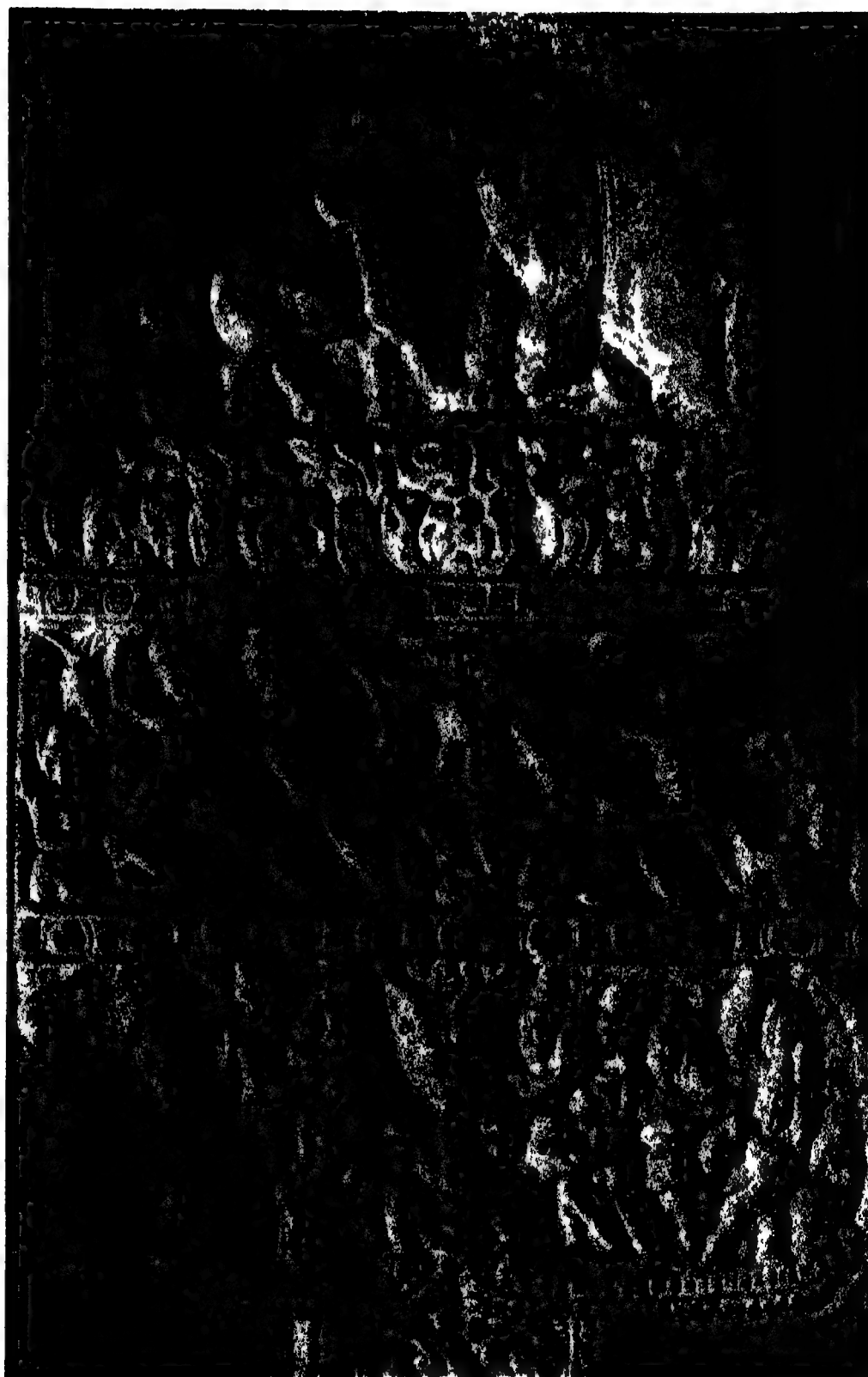


244 *Gaja-vrishabha*, combination of the bull and the elephant, Vijayanagara, 16th century A D , Jalakanthesvara temple, Vellore, North Arcot district

This is a fine example and continues the tradition from still earlier times

245 *Gaja-vrishabha*,
combination of bull and
elephant early Western
Chālukya, 8th century
A D , Virupaksha temple
Pattadakal

*This is an earlier example
from the Karnātaka area*





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246 Seated Yakshi,
Chalukya, 12th century
A D , Humcha, Shimoga
district

247 Seated Srutadevi
Chalukya 12th century
A D Humcha Shimoga
district

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248 Pārśvanātha with
chaurī-bearers, Chālukya,
Humcha Shimoga district





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249. Adinātha with
chauri-bearers, Chālukya
Gulbarga

250 Yaksha Dharanendra
or Apta seated with
ardhavaga-patta and his
vehicle, the tortoise
Parsvanātha temple
Karur, Shimoga district



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mouth of fantastic animal of creative fancy which is all a fantasy of a door jamb of the Jaina temple at Harsūr. Individual themes of musicians and dancers for long friezes composed of drummers, pipers, vocalists, cymbal-players, those clanging larger ones and sounding tiny ones in tinkling resonance, as from Humcha, are all interesting themes handled with affection and devotion by the sculptor to make them live again to proclaim his glory. The sculptor in Karnāṭaka never forgot any of the striking earlier themes handled by remote ancestors, several centuries away in time. An interesting early Vijayanagara carving on a pillar from Karnāṭaka shows a tumbler climbing up a pole recalling the scene of the tumblers from a Bhārhut sculpture now in the Allāhābād Museum, and a *gaja-vrishabha*, combination of the bull and elephant, for an optical illusion of oneness, a pun or paronomasia in art, an ancient motif from Gupta times at Deogarh continued on in Bādāmi and Aihole by the Chālukyas and inherited by the Vijayanagara craftsman from the nearer predecessor of Chola times. These and many others, irrespective of the faith or religion for which art was utilised to embellish the temple, was freely availed of by the sculptor, whose privilege it was to interpret the spirit of the land more than details of faith.

Later Chālukya sculpture is liberally represented all over the Karnāṭaka region. From Humcha in Shimoga district hails a lovely seated Pārśvanātha with the *chauri*-bearers, the snakehoods as charming as the anatomy of the figure, the arrangement of the triple umbrella and tree top vying with the grace of the attendants. A seated Śrutadevī is no less inviting aesthetically. The seated Ādinātha with elephant, seat, halo, umbrella, tree top and *chauri*-bearers is a gem of a sculpture from Gulbarga and equally so is the garland offerer in *tribhanga* also in this Museum, another fine example of art.

In front of the Pārśvanātha temple at Karūr in Shimoga district is a fine example of Yaksha Dharanendra (or is it Ajita?), with his vehicle the tortoise given at one end of the seat, seated with *ardhayogapatta* against his right leg. In the Department of Archaeology at Mysore is the image of seated Sarasvatī from Krishnarājapeta in Mysore. These two are more than a century later than the seated Ādinātha from Lakkundi now preserved in the K. R. Institute Museum at Dhārwar. This clearly shows how elegant is the earlier phase of early Western Chālukya sculpture.

With typical jewellery of the period, the *yajñopavīta* itself being combination of not only what is composed of threads of cotton strand but also of twirled pearl-strands beautified by a ribboned clasp, with charming necklet, *ardhayogapatta* and a halo not unduly large, a crown rather diminutive in size but still fitting the dwarfish figure of Kubera exceedingly well, is a sculpture so very lively in Western Chālukya style from the museum at Lakkundi in Dhārwar district. There is an equally charming figure of Sarasvatī also from Lakkundi in the same Museum. The exquisitely carved *chauri*-bearer, gracefully standing in *tribhanga*, broken below the thigh, his crown so beautifully fashioned, wearing a striking elaborate necklet, *yajñopavīta* almost like a strand of *kaustubhas* all put together, an elaborately decorated delicate *udarabandha*, waist-zone in many strands fashioned with meticulous care, the fly-whisk itself with its wavy and fluffy part elaborately made out, is indeed most noteworthy. This is indeed comparable to the flywhisk-bearer from Pattankudi in Belgaum district in a private collection, the most exquisite sculpture of its kind, in a way exceeding in elegance most sculptures of its kind of the earlier phase of late Western Chālukya art. The *yajñopavīta*, the ribbon of the *yajñopavīta* itself, *udarabandha*, the different types of armlets on the

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251 Kubera, Chālukya,
Lakkundi, K R Institute
Museum, Dhārwar

252. Adinātha, Chālukya,
11th century A D
Lakkundi, K R Institute
Museum, Dhārwar



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253. Kubera with characteristic Chalukyan jewellery Western Chālukya, Lakkundi, K R Institute Museum Dhārwar

254 Sarasvatī Rāshtrakūta-Chālukya transition 11th century A D K R Institute Museum Dhārwar



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255 *Chauri-bearer in
tribhanga*, broken at the
thigh K R Institute
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256 Flywhisk-bearers,
from Pattankudi, Belgaum
district

*This is probably the most
beautiful of its kind*



right and left arms, the shoulder tassel only to the right, the elaborate *makarakundala* on the ear, the crown, the waist-zone with its loops, and more than all, the delicate smile that plays on the lips of the figure, make it a masterpiece. From Pattankudi again hail other elegant carvings of great aesthetic charm like standing Pārśvanātha with Yaksha and Yakshī at his feet. A Mahāvīra from Amminabhāvi flanked by Pārśvanātha and Supārśvanātha and the rest of the Tirthaṅkaras around him and the Yaksha-Yakshī group cleverly composed in the best style of elegance comes up prominently for comparison as a remarkable example of the highest aesthetic workmanship.

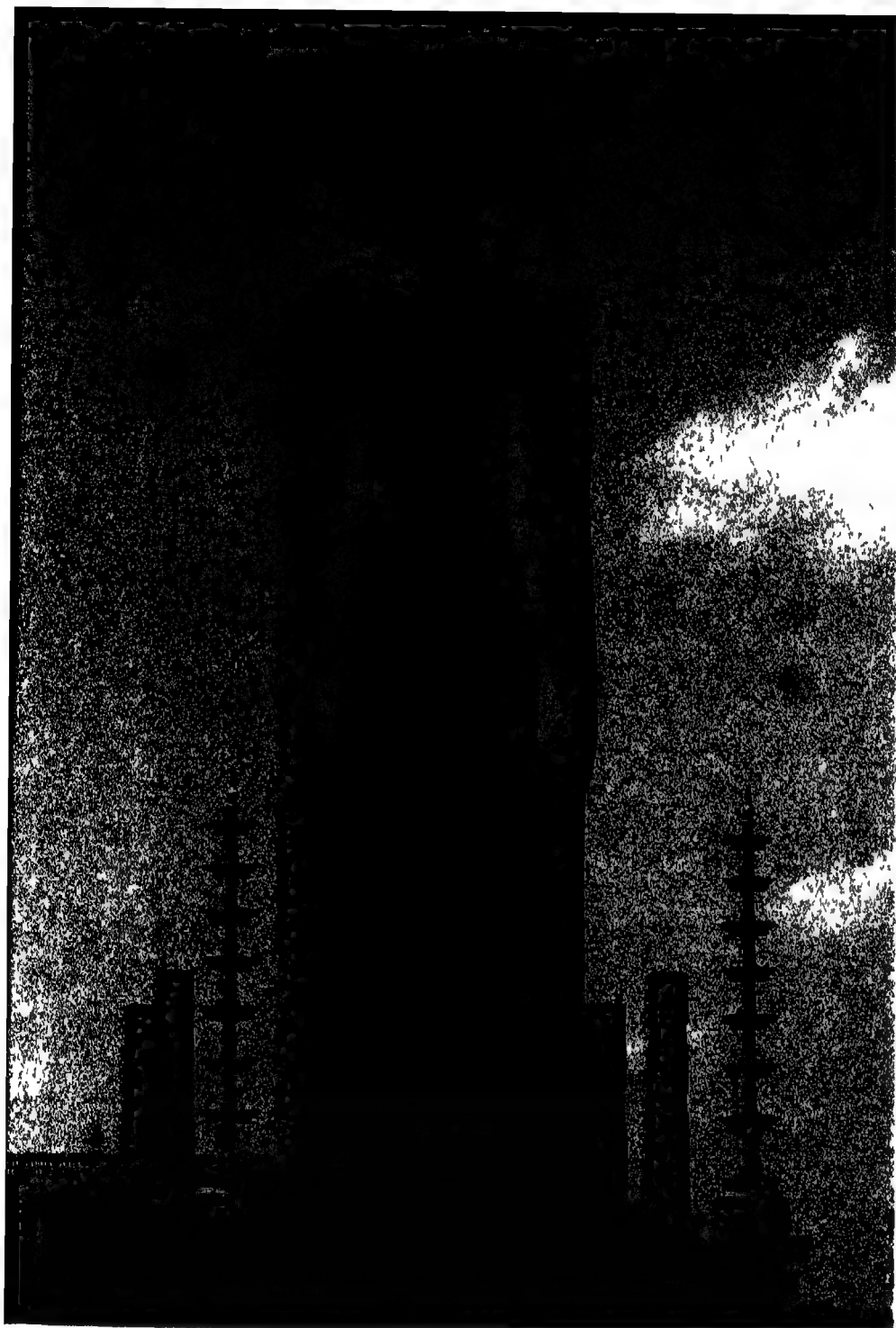
In the same style and with the same charm of workmanship is the carving in the local museum of seated Ādinātha from Sedum in Gulbarga district, with *chaurī*-bearers on either side of the elaborate back-rest, the triple-umbrella above, and elegantly composed. In the same Museum and of the same date and elegance is an image of Pārśvanātha with the snakehoods over his head. A *chaumukha* with standing Tirthaṅkaras on all four sides with their respective Yakshas and Yakshīs at the feet and a shrine roof above is Ādinātha, almost enshrined in a miniature temple of the *pañchakūṭa* type as a *sarvatobhadrikā* from Stavanidhi in Belgaum district. From Barguñi in Chikamagalur is a seated Pārśvanātha with *chaurī*-bearers which by its style of workmanship looks somewhat earlier than the early phase of late Chālukya almost, thus peeping into the last of the Rāshtrakūṭa phase. A definitely late Western Chālukya carving is Ambikā seated from Chāmundarāya temple at Sravanabelagola, the tree, the lion, the child, all characteristically carved. The tree as a canopy has been well conceived and executed. Padmāvatī in *tribhanga* stance, in the Śāntinātha temple at Sadum in Gulbarga, though somewhat unfinished, lacking polish and still with the chisel marks before final polish, presents itself as a typical example of late Chālukya work. In the same style but a little stiffer is Ambikā also from the same temple and bearing identical unfinished appearance.

The standing Tirthaṅkara from Pattadakal, with a simple circular halo, but so elegant as to rouse admiration for the sculptor, who has succeeded in spite of his handicap in carving so bare a figure lacking every trace of ornamentation, and now in the site museum, is more to be assigned to a slightly earlier period, probably Rāshtrakūṭa than late Chālukya.

Sravanabelagola being an ancient site has sculptural embellishment of various periods even upto the Nāyaka period. The earlier architectural close up displaying exquisite sculpture from Chāmundarāya *basadi* can be compared with still later embellishment of the walls of the Śāntinātha *basadi*. Several individual carvings of the Jaina pantheon of Chālukya and Hoysala contribution to art in Karnāṭaka deserve a special mead of praise.

The entrance of the Chandragupta temple within the Kattale *basadi* has carved screens on either side of the door narrating the famous story of Bhadrabāhu's migration to south India with Chandragupta Maurya. This is one of the most interesting series of panels beautifully composed by the sculptor to form a regular pierced window. Architecturally, sculpturally, as an absorbing narration, interesting as a worthy adjunct of an elaborate entrance carved in *pañchalatā* mode, it is indeed something very striking as it appears to be definitely among the most noteworthy carvings of the place which is already rendered so famous by the single renowned monolith Gommateśvara.

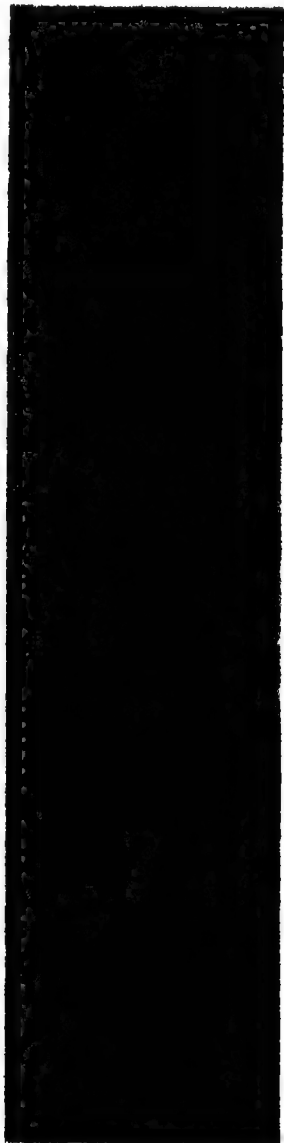
The earlier phase of Eastern Chālukya art is represented by a mutilated but fine sculpture of a seated Tirthaṅkara from Biccavolu in East Godāvāri district. The image from Peddatumbalam is a fine example of



257. Gommata colossus,
Vijayanagara 17th century
A D Venūr Karnātaka

*These three colossi are the
best known representations
of Bāhubali and all of them
are in the Karnātaka area*

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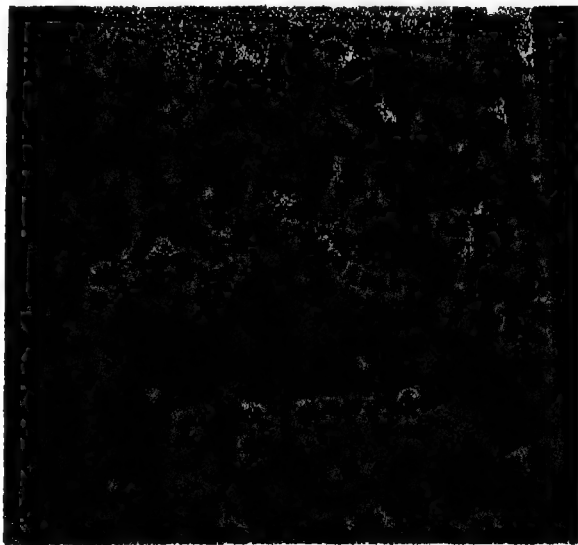
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258. Complete large
ceiling slab representing
usual Dīkpālas, Nolamba,
9th century A D , from
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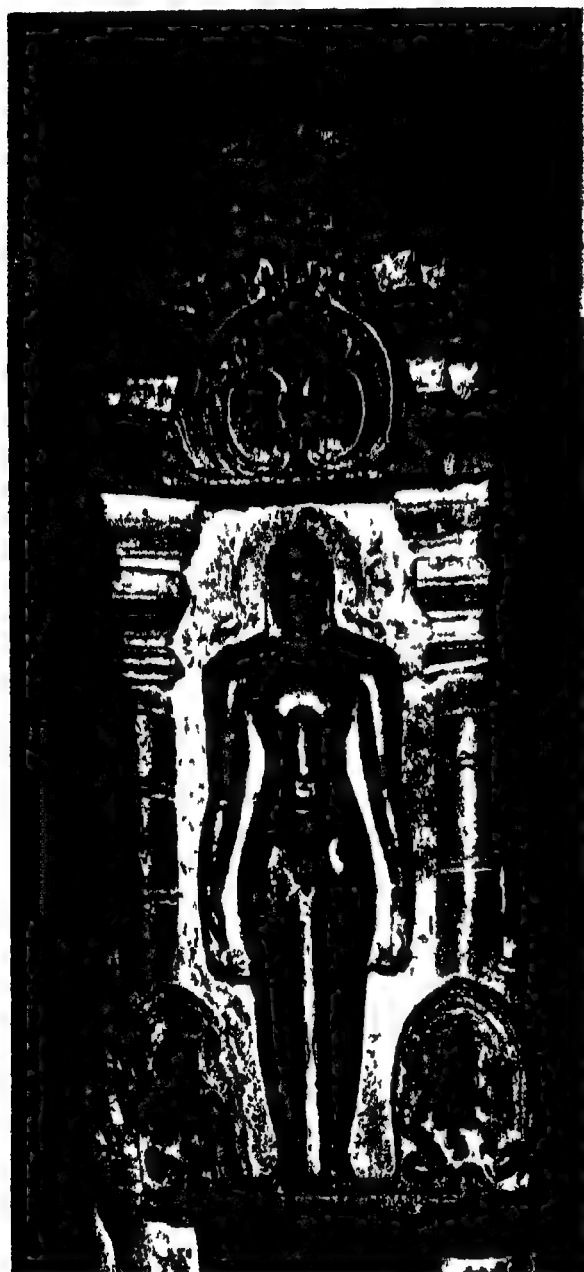
*It is interesting to compare
such Dīkpālas on ceiling
slabs which frequently
occur in Chālukya
mandapas in temples*

259. The same with only
Yama on his vehicle, the
buffalo rushing, Nolamba,
9th century A D , from
Hemāvati, Govt Museum,
Madras



260. *Chaumukha* with
standing Tirthankara on all
the four sides, Chālukya,
12th century A D .
Lakshmesvara, Dhārwar

261. *Chaumukha*
Chālukya, 12th century
A D , Stavanidhi, Belgaum
district



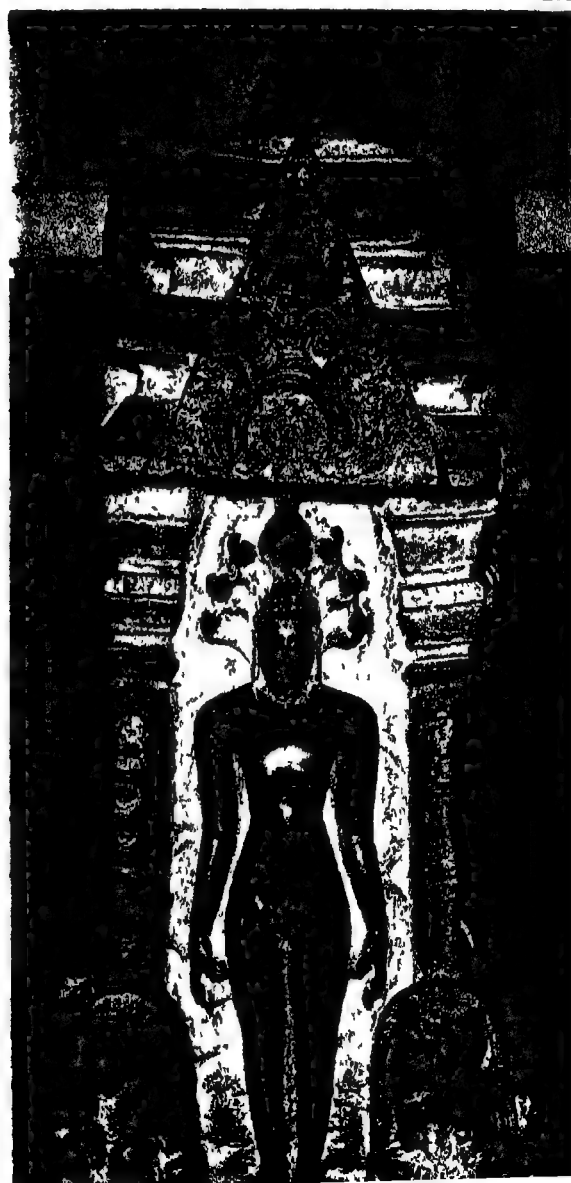
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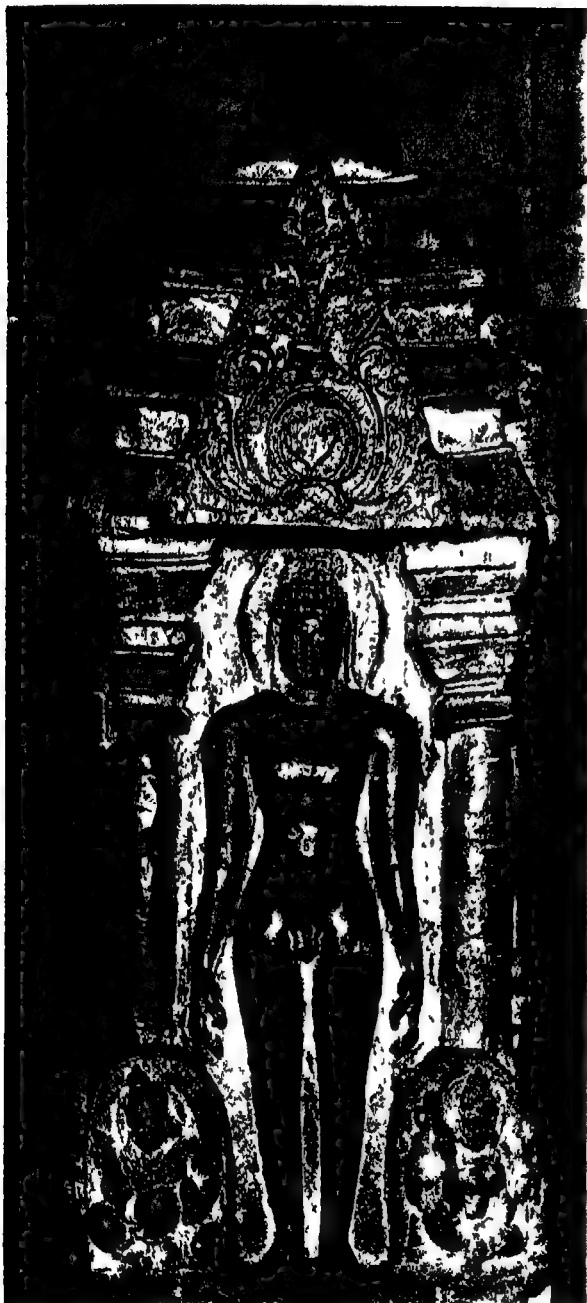
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Chālukya, 12th century
A D . Stavanidhi
Belgaum, district



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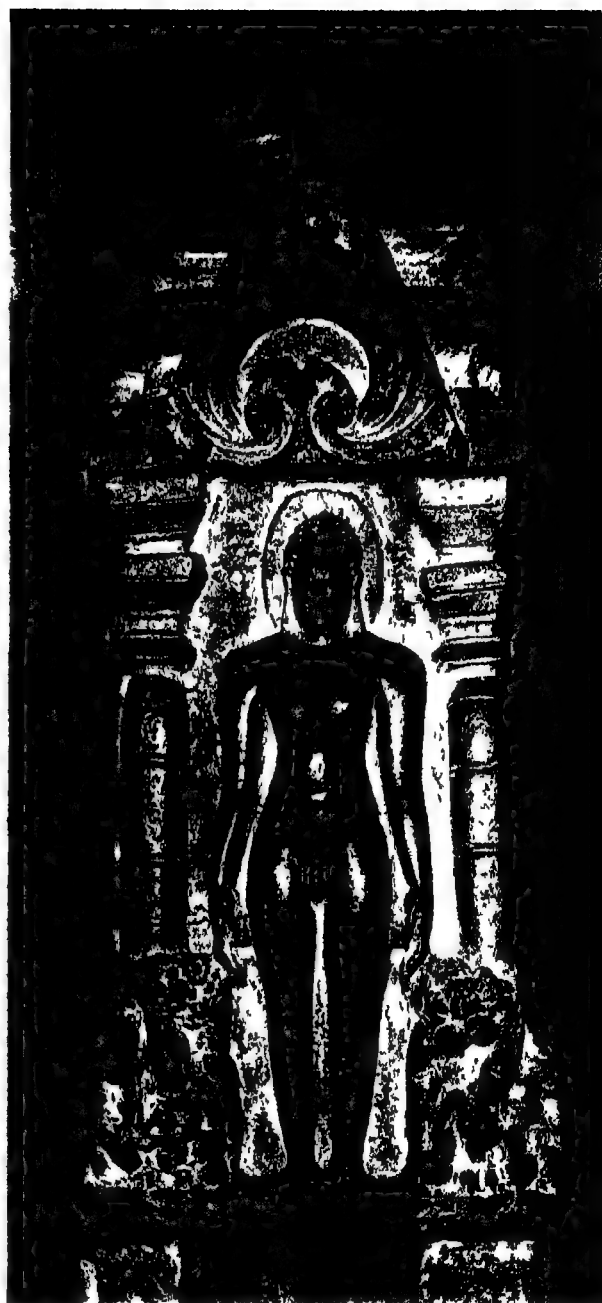
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263. Chaumukha,
Chālukya, 12th century
A D , Stavanidhi Belgaum
district

*Giving the four
I rthunkaras on the four
sides making a chaumukha*



264 Chaumukha,
Chālukya, 12th century
A D , Stavanidhi, Belgaum
district

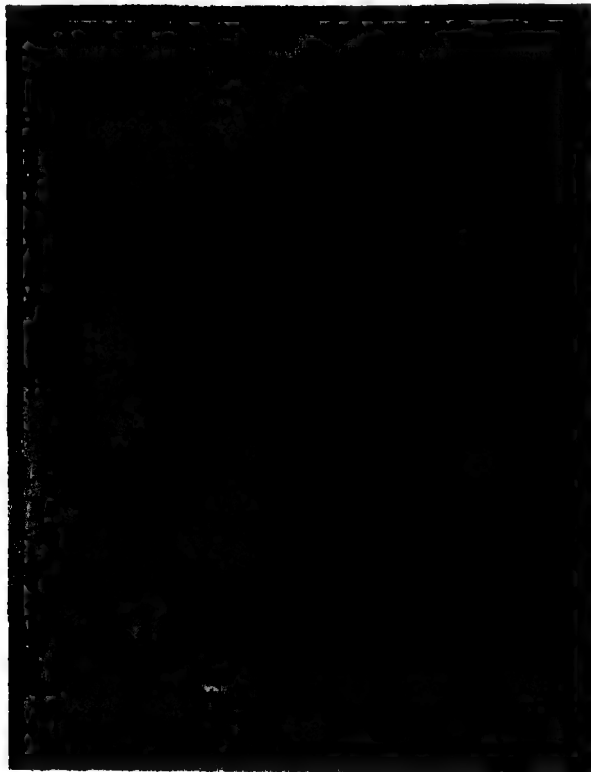
265 Chakresvari,
Rāshtrakūta 10th century
A D , Betageri Dhārwar

266 Theme of *navanāri-
kuñjara* on pillar, elephant
composed of nine nymphs,
Vijayanagara, 14th-15th
century A D , Moodbidri



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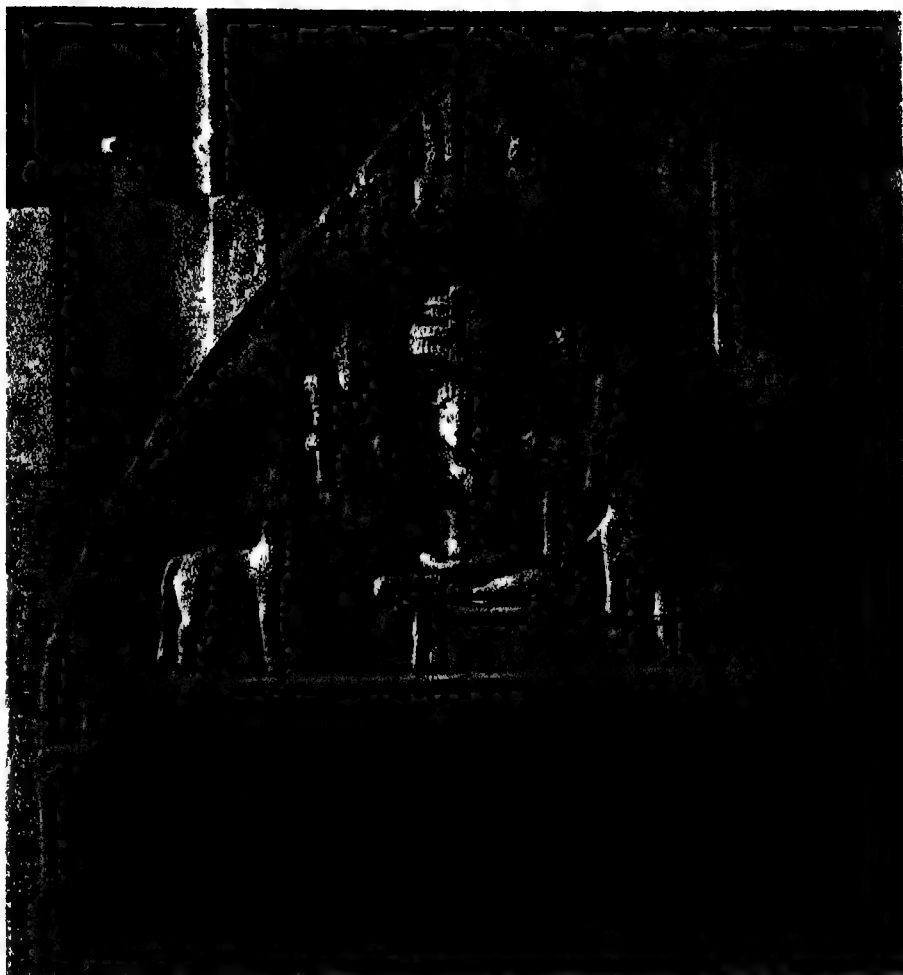
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267 Close up of the top of sculpture of an inscribed stone, Hoysala 12th century A D , Jaina temple, Halebidu

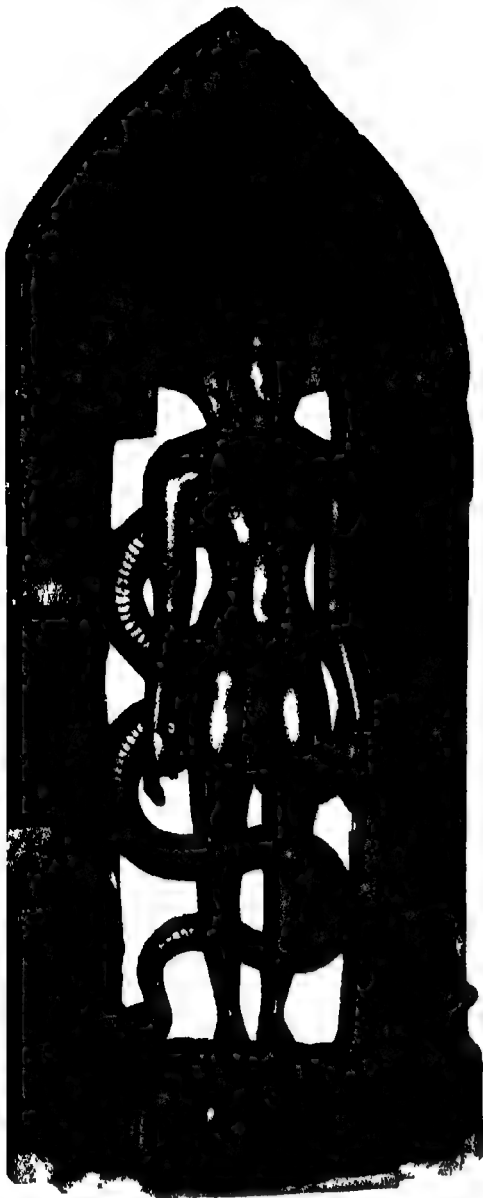
268 *Mundapu* of Jama temple with running elephant as balustrade for steps, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Halebidu



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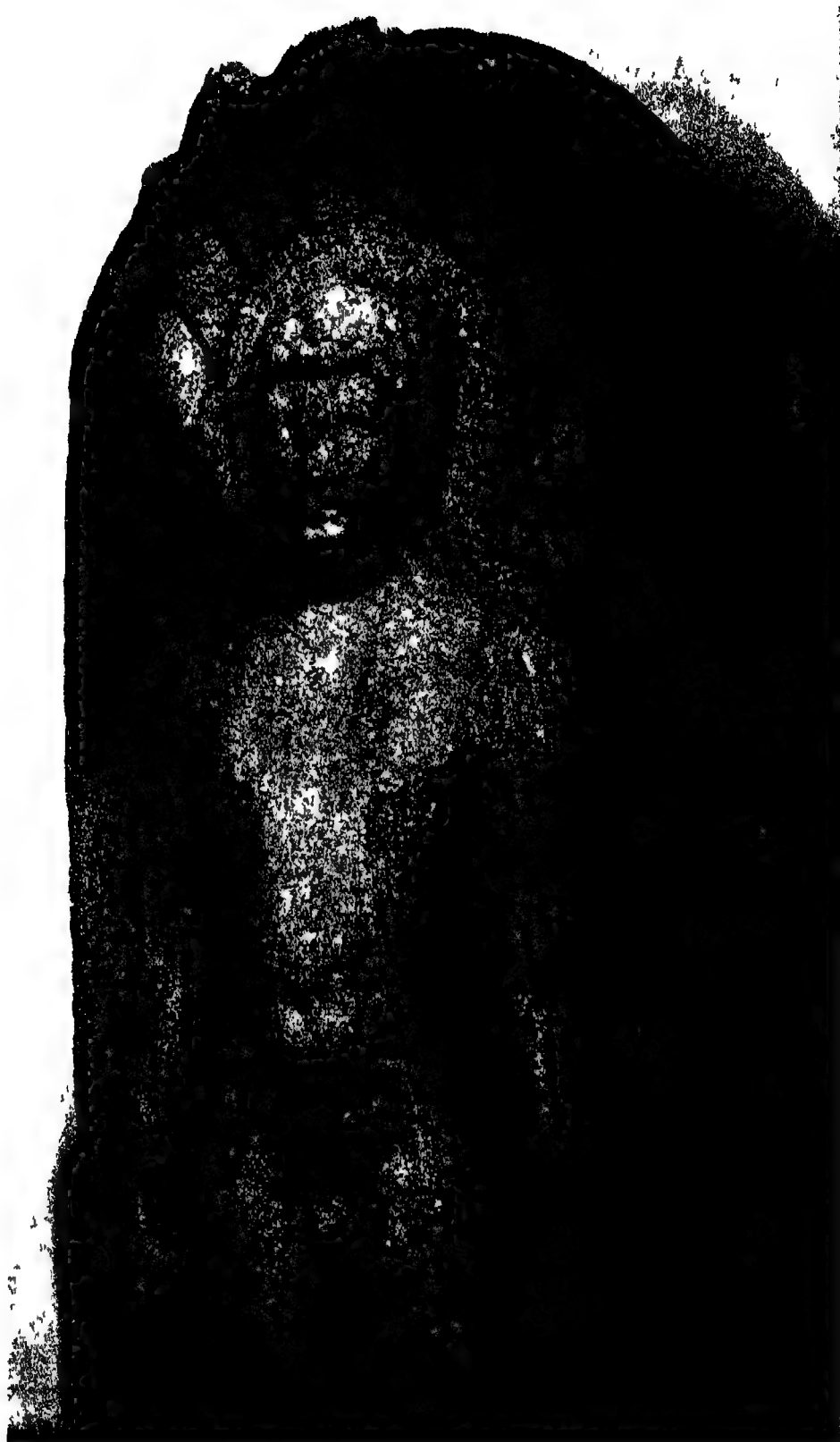
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Parsvanatha with Yaksha
and Yakshi, Chālukya
11th century A D ,
Pattankudī, Belgaum
district

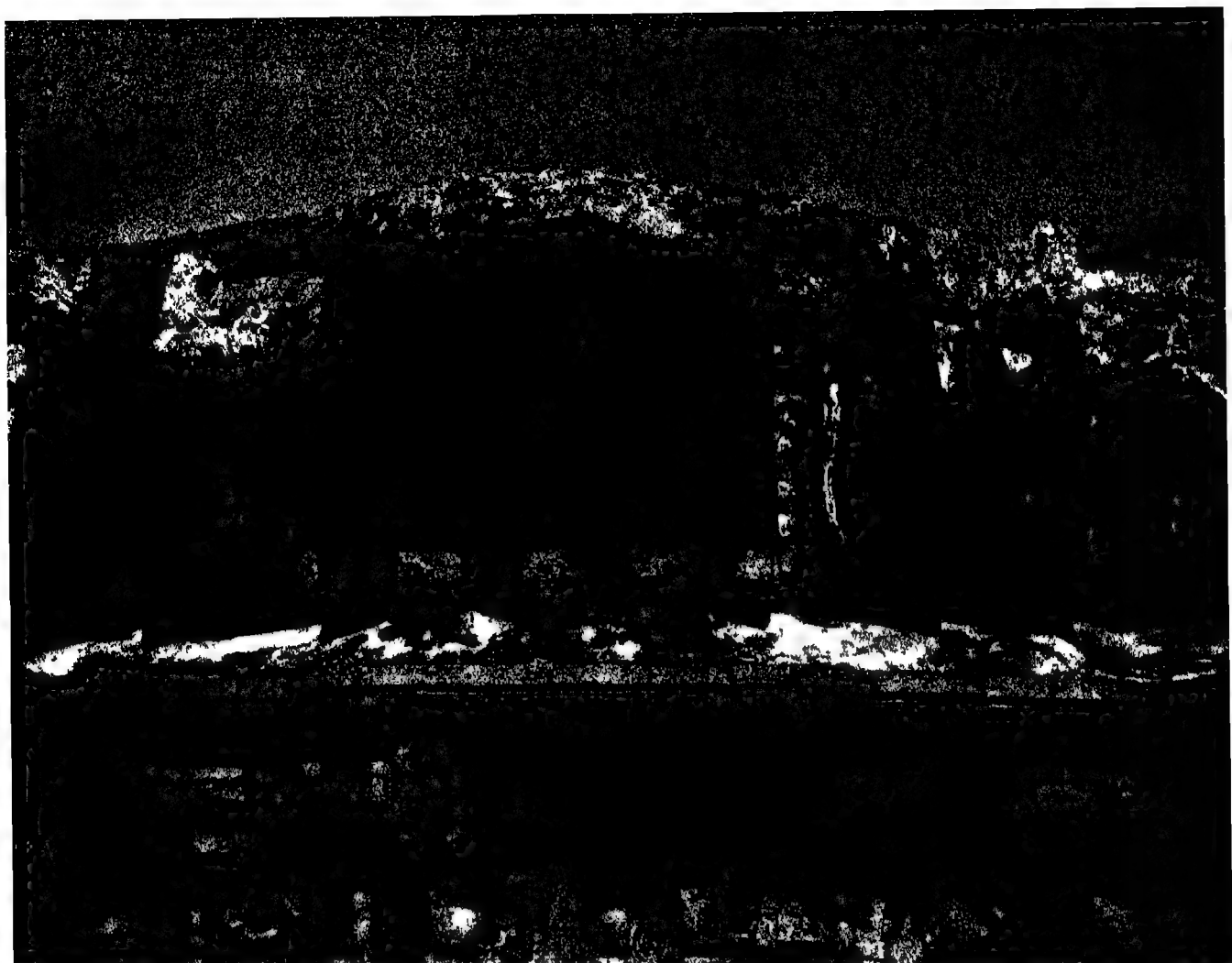
270. Ādinatha with
chauri-bearers, Chālukya,
11th century A D , Sedum,
Gulbarga
A fine example



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271 Pārśvanātha,
Chālukya, 11th century
A D , Gulbarga





272 Close up of the same giving clearer view of Yaksha and Yakshi, mermaids, Sankhanidhi and Padmanidhi etc



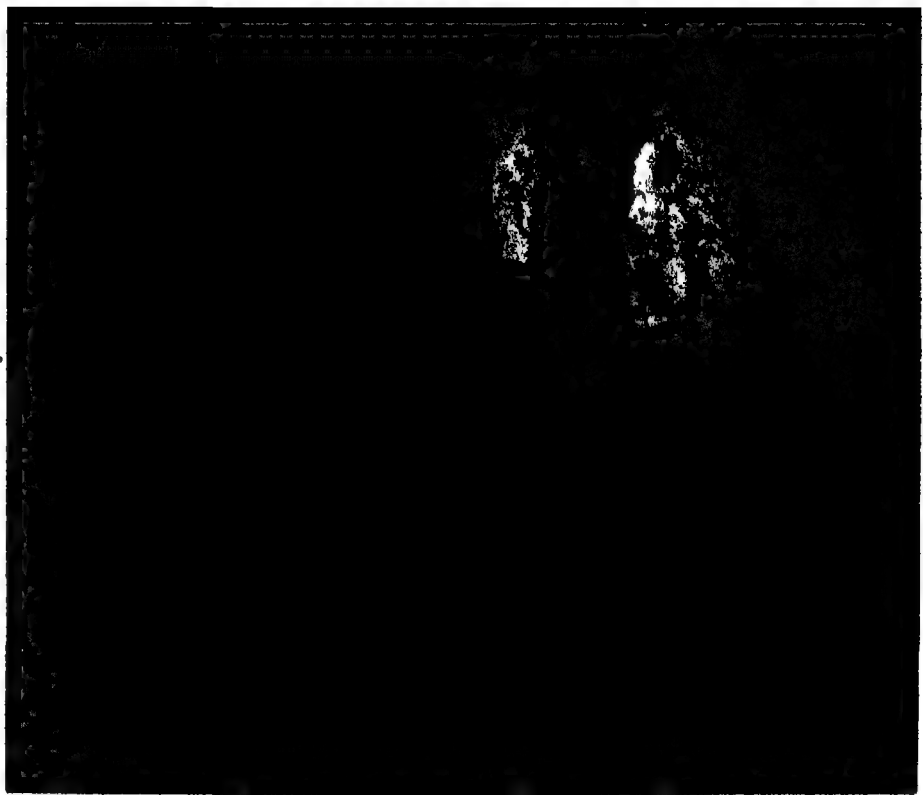
273 & 274 Padmanidhi and Sankhanidhi, Western Chālukya 11th Century A D from Karnāṭaka Govt Museum, Madras Both are remarkable

miniature sculptures representing personified nīdhis as dwarfs. The latter is a typical Chālukyan form of the Sankhanidhi, source of treasure

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275. *Śankhanidhi*, Western Chālukya, 11th century A D , from Karnāṭaka. Govt Museum, Madras

This is a remarkably well done typical Chālukyan anthropomorphic form of the Śankhanidhi, source of treasure



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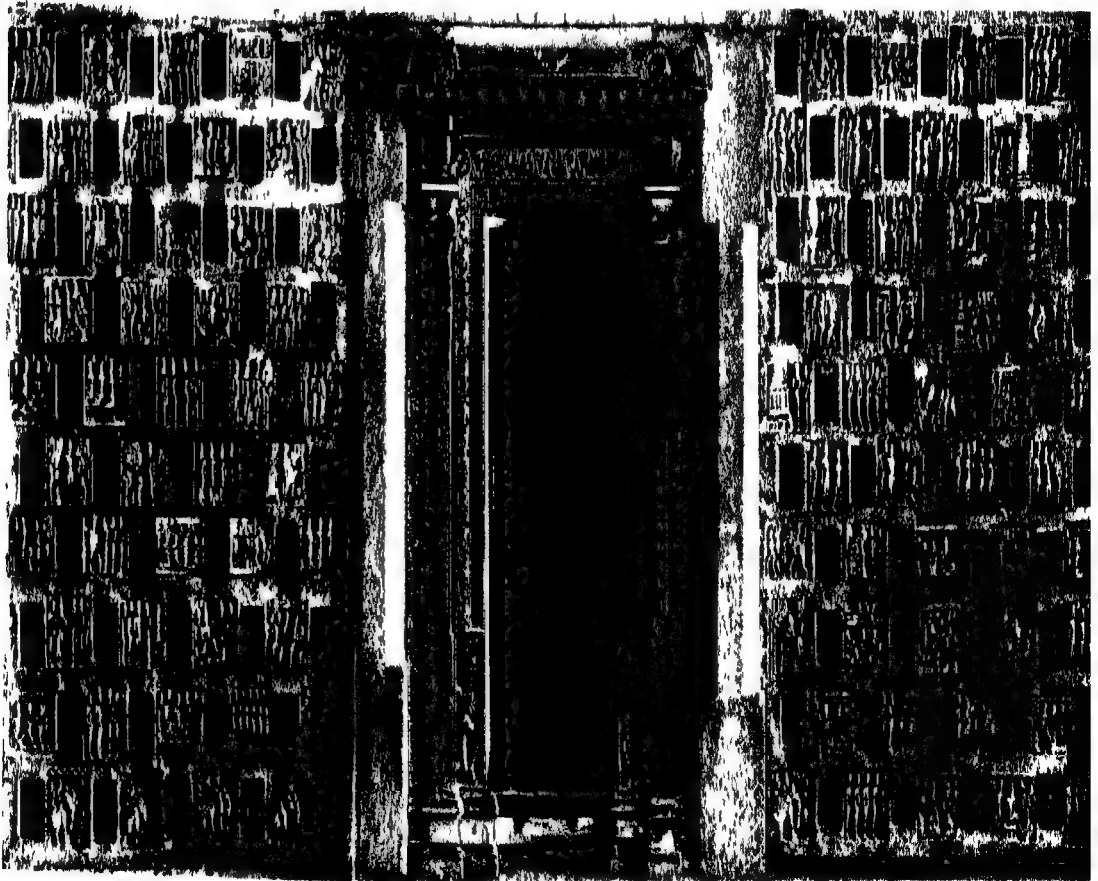
276 Seated Tirthankara with attendant *chauri*-bearers, early Eastern Chālukya, 8th-9th century A D , Biccavolu, Godāvari district

277. Seated Tirthankara, with attendant *chauri*-bearers, late Chālukya, 12th century A D , Peddatumbalam, Govt Museum, Madras



278. Standing Pārsvanātha
with Yaksha and Yakshi
Chālukya, 11th century
A.D., Stavandhi, Belgaum
district

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279. Entrance to
Chandragupta temple
within Kattale basadi, with
elaborate carved entrance
in *prabhavali* mode with
the narration of the
story on either side of
Bhadrabāhu's migration
to south India with
Chandragupta Maurya, late
Chālukya, 12th century
A.D. Śravanabelagola

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280. Ambikā seated, late
Western Chālukya,
11th-12th century A.D.,
Chāmundarāja temple,
Śravanabelagola



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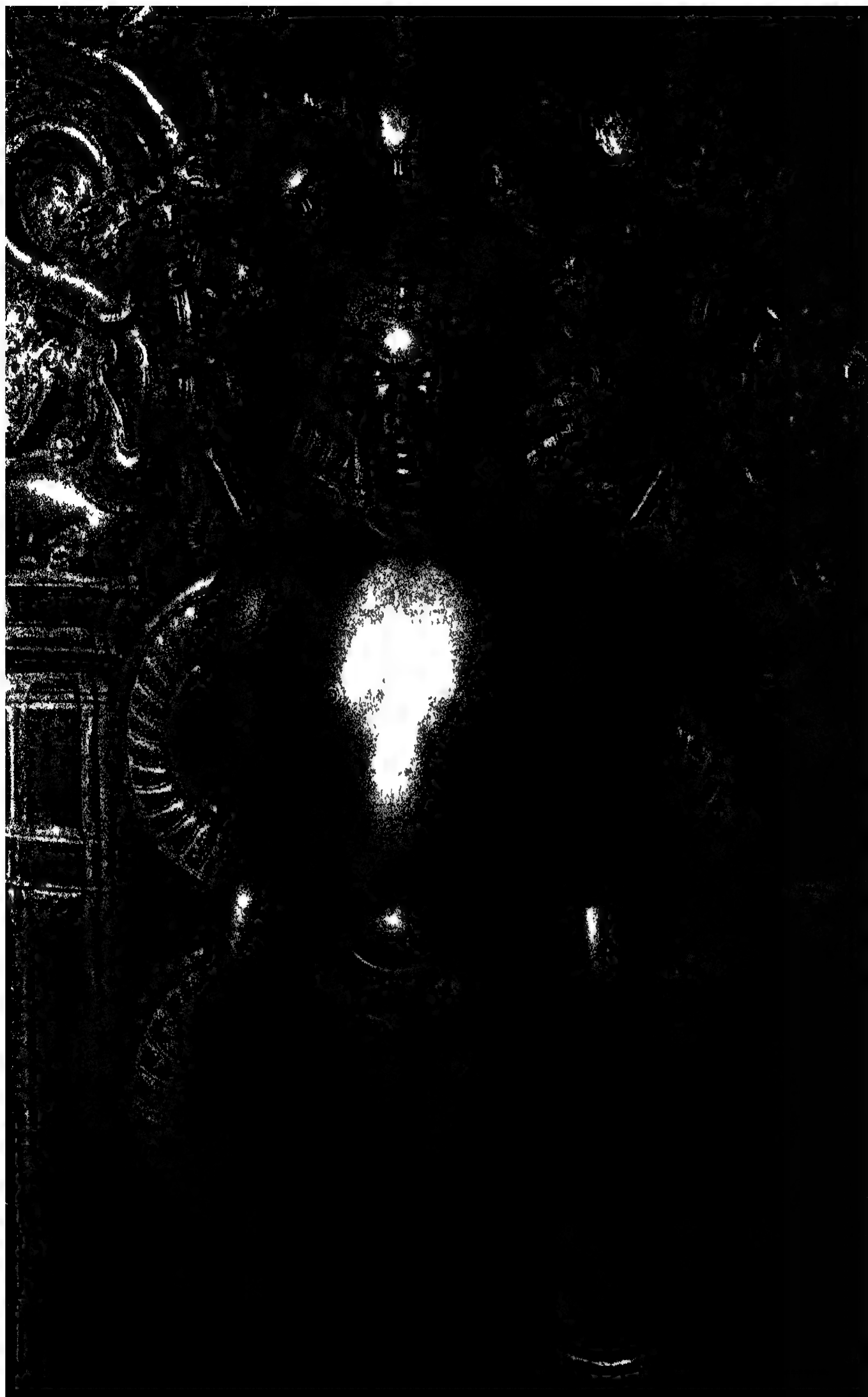
281 Beautiful damsel and
passionate monkey
Hoysala Jama temple,
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282 Standing
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282A Close up of above

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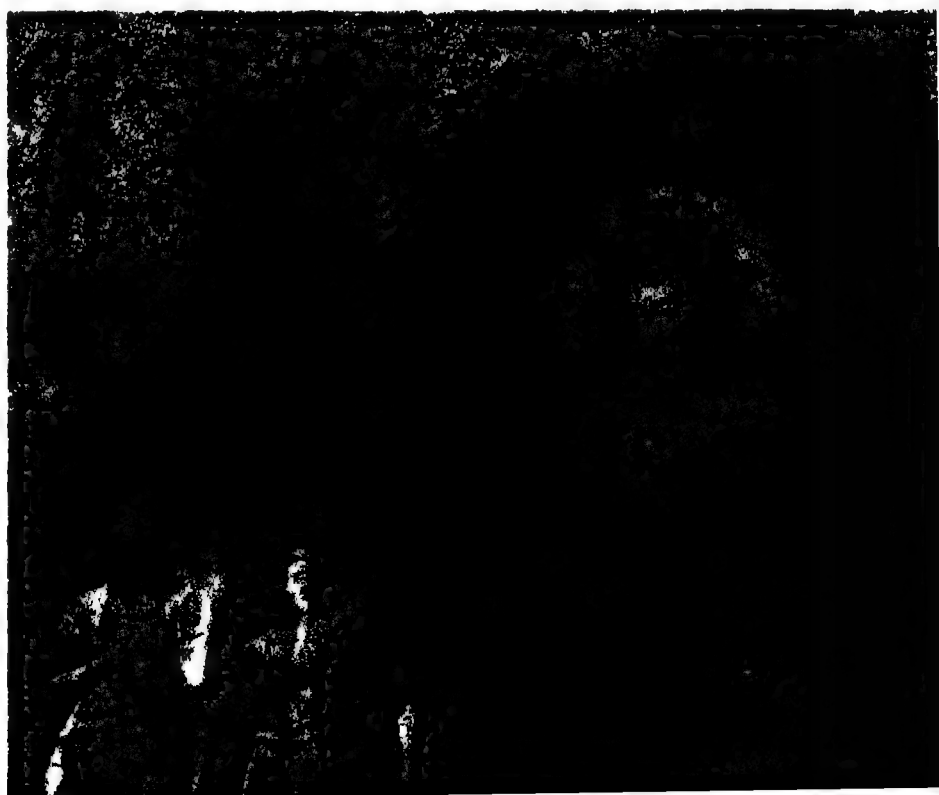
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283. *Chaumukha*, Eastern
Chālukya, 11th century
A D , Bezvādā Museum

284 Seated Ādmātha,
Eastern Chalukya, 8th-9th
century A D ,
Rāmatirtham

285. Rock-cut seated
Pārsvanātha, with princely
attendant and his consort,
believed to be Mallamādevī
and Betana, Kākatiya,
12th-13th century A D
Hanamkonda



Chālukya work Striking examples of elegant Eastern Chālukya mode are the simple but effective seated Tirthaṅkara from Golconda as well as the lovely early Pārśvanātha, both seated and standing from Vemulavāḍa An interesting group of rock-cut Tirthaṅkaras at the farthest end of Āndhra in Śaṅkaram in Viśākhāpatnam district, now so very worn, and occurring in proximity to Rāmatīrtham where other Jaina carvings like standing Pārśvanātha, seated Ādinātha with his *jatās* and his cognizance, the bull prominent, in addition to other Tirthaṅkaras and other images that have been found, point to the once flourishing stage of the faith in this part of Āndhra Pradesh, where the find of many Buddhist remains point to the popularity of the Buddhist faith as well, and more than all a rare catholicity of religious outlook

The image from Peddatumbalam in the Madras Museum is a typical example in pleasing light azure stone of a Western Chālukya work of the 12th century But the standing figure of Pārśvanātha from Penukonda in Anantapur district is unbeaten for its grace The proportions of the body, the grace in modelling the limbs, the proportions, the elegance even in the straight or *riju* stance, the arrangement of the curls on the head particularly nearer the forehead, the half-closed eyes, the chiselled eyebrows, the peeping smile on the lips, the clever execution of the ear lobes, the life-like group of the seven mouths of the reptile on its spread hoods, the graded zigzag curve of the unusual length of its body, the delicately ornamented single parasol in the place of the usual hackneyed triple umbrella and the charming composition of the foliage of the tree delicately merged in the pleasing *makara-torana*, is indeed a masterpiece

The *chaumukha* from the Bezwādā Museum, rather simple and austere, but with the triple umbrella emphasised to give it a special individuality, is an example of the Eastern Chālukya school in its later stage of development in style approaching the Kākatiya

Of the time of the later Chālukyas that ruled from Kalyāṇī and the Kākatiyas that ruled from Wāraṅgal should be attributed several rock-cut carvings as well as individual sculptures representing Jaina art in Āndhra Pradesh Thus there are rock-cut Tirthaṅkaras Pārśvanātha and Sambhavanātha at Hanamkonda, seated Mahāvīra with a princely attendant and his consort, hands clasped in adoration, representing, as it is believed, Mallamādevī holding umbrella for the master and her husband Betana the minister of the Kākatiya king Prola, immortalised as devotees in this sculpture

In Anantapur district there are Jaina vestiges and we know from an inscription that Irugole who served under the Chālukyas of Kalyāṇī pleased his wife Alūpādevī by encouraging the Jaina faith At Bhogapuram between Vizianagaram and Bhimuniapatnam there is a temple of Pārśvanātha built by Mannamā during the reign of Anantavarman Rājarāja At Amarapuram in Anantapur district the Brahma-Jinālaya for Pārśvanātha has a record of Alūpādevī graphically describing the repairs effected with interesting mention of its parts like the *śikhara*, *mahāmandapa*, *bhadra*, *lakshmī-mandapa*, *gopura*, *parisūtra*, *mānastambha*, *makara-torana*, etc The *mānastambhas* that abound in Kārkala are typical of the Jaina monuments and, like *dhvajastambhas* in Brāhmanical temples, they proclaim the Jaina association of the monuments they adore As already noted the temple construction in the South as in the North was according to the style of the period, of the region, and had nothing distinctive either as Brāhmanical or as Jaina In fact while there was no distinction in introducing Śaiva, Vaiṣṇava and other forms of iconography in all the temples, there was also the introduction of Jaina

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286. Wooden architectural
form of pillars, beams,
rafters, eaves and ceiling of
roof, from Karnāṭaka
15th-16th century A D
Moodbidri





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287 Rock-cut
Sambhavanātha, Kākatīya,
12th-13th century A D ,
Hanamkonda

Top Half

288 Rock-cut Tīrthankara
Parsvanātha, Kākatīya,
12th-13th century A D ,
Hanamkonda

Top Half

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289. Pārsvanātha, Western Chālukya, Hindupur, Anantapur district

290. Rock-cut Tīrthankara images, early Chālukya, 8th-9th century A D , Śankaram, Viśākhāpatnam district

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291. Śālabhaṅjikā called
Madanakat, Hoysala, 12th
century A D , Jaina
temple, Halebidu





themes in Brāhmanical temples as seen at Śringerī in the Vidyā-Śaṅkara temple and vice versa Brāhmanical iconography in Jaina ones.

The Hoysalas who followed the later Chālukyas in the Karnāṭaka region were responsible for the several Jaina temples and carvings as at Halebidu, Kambadahallī and other places. It has been already noted that though the Hoysala king Bittiga changed faith, his queen did not, and to the extent that she was not only a great scholar but a propagator of her faith, her consort was also a liberal-minded patron of every form of faith. Thus we have the most important examples of sculpture and painting of the Hoysala mode and of his time at its best, the latter particularly a school so far unknown and unrepresented that will be described later.

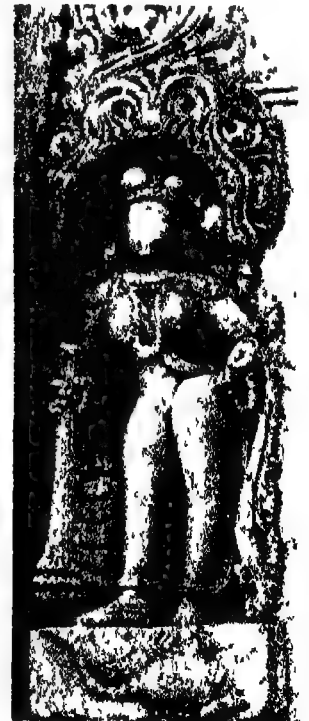
The Hoysala mode of sculpture is famous in south India. It is the best known and the most individualistic following the earlier Chālukya tradition. Slowly the embellishment in Hoysala sculptures gained so much that the most charming figures are nevertheless drowned in ornamentation that prominently stands out. Still, the earliest phase of Hoysala art, that of Vishnuvardhana's time, is so charming that it arrests attention. Some of the themes chosen, which are common to all faiths, as are seen both in the Channakeśava temple and in Jaina temples at Halebidu, almost in identical grace and suggestive content in the language of the sculptor, are interesting for comparison.

Three themes particularly stand out with special reference to the ephemeral nature of physical beauty which every faith has alike pointedly illustrated to guide the devotee to fix his mind on objects of more permanent value which should be his goal.

How the mind is a monkey, attracted by the charm of feminine form, has been metaphorically put by Śaṅkara, the great philosopher of the eighth century, as roaming about in the wilderness of delusion, tramping on the firm hillocks of youthful feminine breasts, dancing with glee on the branches of trees of passion, amazing in speed and in an utter abandon. Oh! my Lord Siva! mendicant beggar! I have a request. Do me the favour of tightly tying up with the cord of intense faith my mind ever so fickle and bring it entirely under your control, *Śivānanda-lahari*. The sculpture for this is of a fascinating damsel semi-nude whose physical attraction lures the monkey to jump on her in the extremity of passion, while she with a twig in her hand chastises it in terms of social etiquette and propriety, fully aware yet of her own allurements. This is a sculpture that is as relevant in the saintly atmosphere of the Tirthaṅkaras as in that of Śiva as an ascetic or Nārāyaṇa in meditation. The theme occurs universally. The one from the Jaina temple at Halebidu should be compared with the *madanakai* bracket figure of the same theme at Belūr. A charming version of this theme is on the *torana* of the Muktesvara temple at Bhubaneśvar.

The other one is the impermanence of physical beauty, however charming it may be, and how the longing for enjoyment should also be reckoned against the sure danger of disease in the extremity of addiction to physical pleasures. The scorpion at the feet of the charming damsel emerging from her bath, almost nude and just pulling her garment to cover herself, is nearly exposed. Her physical charms no doubt appeal to a deluded gaze but the charm itself is alike a scorpion sting, a parable so often used in India to represent the pinch of hunger, the danger of disease, the most fearful of any torment arising out of excess of passion. This is a *madanakai*, the most charming probably from Belūr, again a common theme. In this context, the description in the *Mahābhārata* of the body ever so beautiful even physically, is, after all, a modicum of flesh, an abode of worms and filth, forgetful of all the attention paid to it by the

292 Beautiful damsel *Madanakai* and passionate monkey, Hoysala, 12th century A.D. Belur



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very possessor of that charm, covering itself with filth sooner than it is cleansed, rousing up hunger as quickly as it is fed, and there is naturally the sage comment, how foolish is the human in his inordinate attention for such a shameless beauty

Yet another is the beauty with the mirror. As evanescent as the image of beauty in the mirror is even the youthful beauty itself. The parable of the 'image in the mirror' is a favourite of Śaṅkara. Realisation of the essential makes one discard the evanescent. All these most welcome themes of didactic teaching are of the utmost value to clearly impress on the human mind the essentials of ethical life dispelling all illusions that sidetrack one on the highest goal of life. Jaina art has freely used such themes appropriately for creating a physical background for the highest moral code of life which has been as much the ideal of Jaina faith as of Buddhist and Brāhmanical. The sculptor, naturally, could excel in its portrayal, choosing delicate welcome themes all the easier to impress the idea.

In Kārṇāṭaka it was more frequent than in the Tāmīl area for the sculptors to reveal their names better to understand their personality through their work. It cannot be denied that there are names like Ravi, the architect of the Chola apsidal shrine of Śiva at Tiruvottiyūr near Madras, who was proficient in the theory and practice of several texts of architecture and art. Similarly yet another reveals himself as Parameśvara, a late Pallava architect of the ninth century A.D., who specially designed and executed the temple at Uttaramerūr following a particular text of architecture. One of the greatest sculptors, patronised by Pulakeśin's brother Kubja Viṣṇuvardhana, who ruled from Vengī, has

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293 The same theme of the beautiful damsel and passionate monkey decoration from *torana* of Mukteśvara temple Eastern Ganga, 9th century A.D., Bhubaneśvara



294 Beautiful damsel and
passionate monkey,
Hoysala, 12th century
A.D., Lakshminarasimha
temple, Nuggehalli, Hassan
district





295 Beautiful damsel
Madanakai and passionate
monkey bracket figure
Hoysala 12th century
A.D. Belur

given his name as Gundaya on the back of the monolithic *dvārapāla* from Bejwādā, now in the Government Museum, Madras

A late Chālukya sculptor Sovaraśi could entwine forms of elephant, lion, bull and many such others among the early Kannada letters he could incise in inscriptions, and challengingly recalls his competence by openly questioning whether any could madly compete with such a sculptor as himself. Judging from the forms in an inscription incised by him with patterns of swan and peacock deftly entwined in letters it has to be accepted he was not exaggerating his skill. A master architect of the temple at Ittagi, also in Karnāṭaka, has shown excellent figure carvings and exuberant design-work in a temple that entitled him to style himself as a master, but instead of extolling himself personally, he has styled the temple, his creation, an emperor among temples, *devālaya-chakravartin*, as given in the inscription here.

The Hoysala temples as at Belūr, Somanāthpur, have several sculptures giving not only names of the sculptors but also their attainments in their field. At Belūr, there are several names of sculptors like Chāvana, Dāsoja, Malliyana, Padari Malloja, Chikka Hampa, Keñcha Malliyanna, Masada and Nāgoja, *birudarūvāri-gandala-hadiva*, 'smiter of the crown of titled sculptors' is a title of Dāsoja, while his son Chāvana is *birudarūvāri-madanamaheśa* 'a Śiva to the cupids, titled sculptors'. He had also an additional title of *machcharipa-rūvāriśarabha-bherunda* 'bherunda to the śarabhas, rival sculptors'. Chikka Hampa was Tribhuvanamalladeva's sculptor and therefore the king's own and bore the title *machchharipa-rūvārigalaganda* 'champion over rival sculptors'. Malliyana, 'a tiger amongst sculptors', was *rūvāripuli*. He was another of king Vishnuvardhana's favoured sculptors and styled himself *machchharipa-biruda-rūvāri-giri-vajradanda* 'thunderbolt to the mountains, rival titled sculptors'. Some of the sculptors mentioned themselves as the pupils (*mānu*) of famous masters. One such master Tribhuvanamalladeva is mentioned by his disciple.

At Somanāthpur, there are names like Bālah, Marana, Nañjiah, Chaudiah, Bomma, Lohita, Chāmaya, Mallitamma, Masantimma and others inscribed.

This has been a trait all over and we know that the great votary of Sarasvatī, emperor Bhoja who established an image of the goddess of learning in his university at Dhārā commissioned the *sūtradhāra* Manathala, the son of Sahira, who has the inscription on the pedestal giving who created it, *sūtradhārasahirasuta-manathalena ghatuam*.

The temples all over were built by the same great and famous architects whether Brāhmanical, Buddhist or Jaina. It is thus clear that some of the great masterpieces in the Jaina temples at Somanāthpur, Śravanabelagola, Halebidu and other places should have been by some of these famous sculptors, but as it was not invariably the practice always to give their names, we cannot pointedly say who exactly did what, though, from the style, charm and other features we know that queen Śāntalā could have chosen those who did so well at Belūr, and it cannot but be that some of them had their hands in creating the masterpieces of Hoysala sculpture in the Jaina monuments as well.

In Kerala and the southernmost part of Karnāṭaka, the type of architecture is peculiar and characterises this part of the country, distinguishing it from the rest of even south India. The earliest form of wooden architecture giving ample scope for exquisite carving of the pillars, beams, rafters, ceiling of the roof particularly in *mandapas* or pillared halls, and long friezes under the eaves, is all remarkably well portrayed in this part of

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296. Nude beauty
emerging from bath,
Madanakai bracket figure,
Hoysala, 12th century
A D , Belūr

*The scorpion at feet suggests
disease and decay and the
sting of physical pleasure*

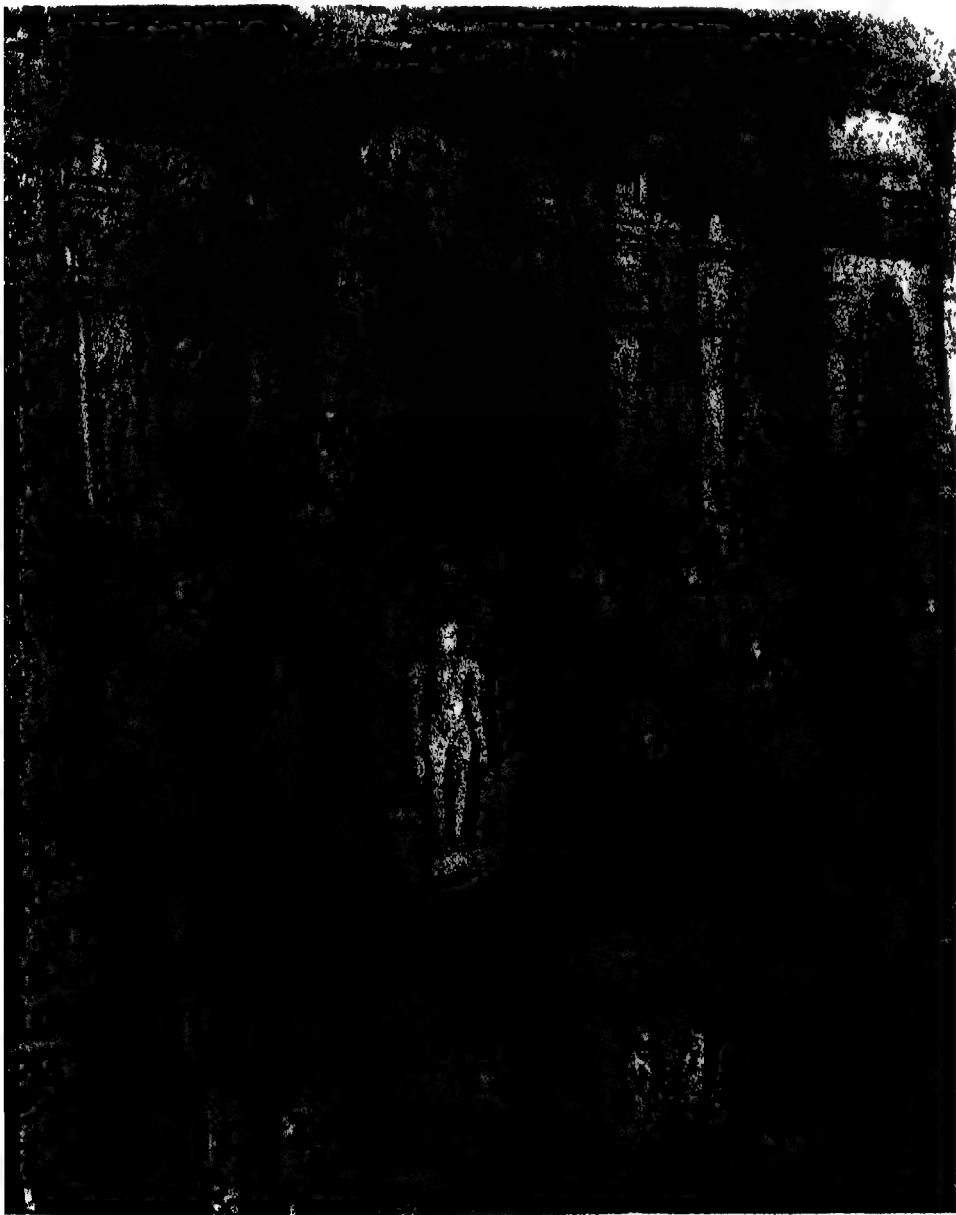
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Śravanabelagola



the country. In fact, if the carvers of Vidiśā more than two thousand years ago were famous for ivory work, these carvers here are equally famed for their excellent wood-work. This wood-work was so valued that, as the torrential downpour in the monsoon season so threatened the delicate carvings, that a special protection for the ends of the beams and rafters was provided by metal carvers. These were the rafter-shoes so famous in Kerala and in the South Kanara district. Metal covering for roofs, sometimes completely burnished with gold leaf as in Chidambaram and Śrīraṅgam, have made the *vimāna*, *sabhā*, or *śālā*, gleam and invite the pilgrims from quite a long distance.

It is interesting in this context of wooden architecture, exactly simulated in stone work in the earlier stages, as seen at Mahābalipuram and in earlier caves, that it had caught the imagination of carvers. The charm of the wood work, delicacy of carving and scope for embellishment in the magnificent pillars and their capitals or *bodhukās* supporting carved beams continued to fascinate. The pillars, particularly alternating in cubical and octagonal parts, provided such fantastic themes as what is known as the *navanārikuṇjara*, an elephant composed of nine beautiful nymphs composed to suggest animal anatomy, and similarly *pañchanārīturahga* or

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298. Beauty with mirror
Madanakai bracket figure,
Hoysala, 12th century
A.D., Channakesava
temple, Belūr

*To suggest the ephemeral
nature of life as in a mirror*

299. Beauty with mirror
Hoysala, 12th century
A.D., Jaina temple,
Śravanabelagola

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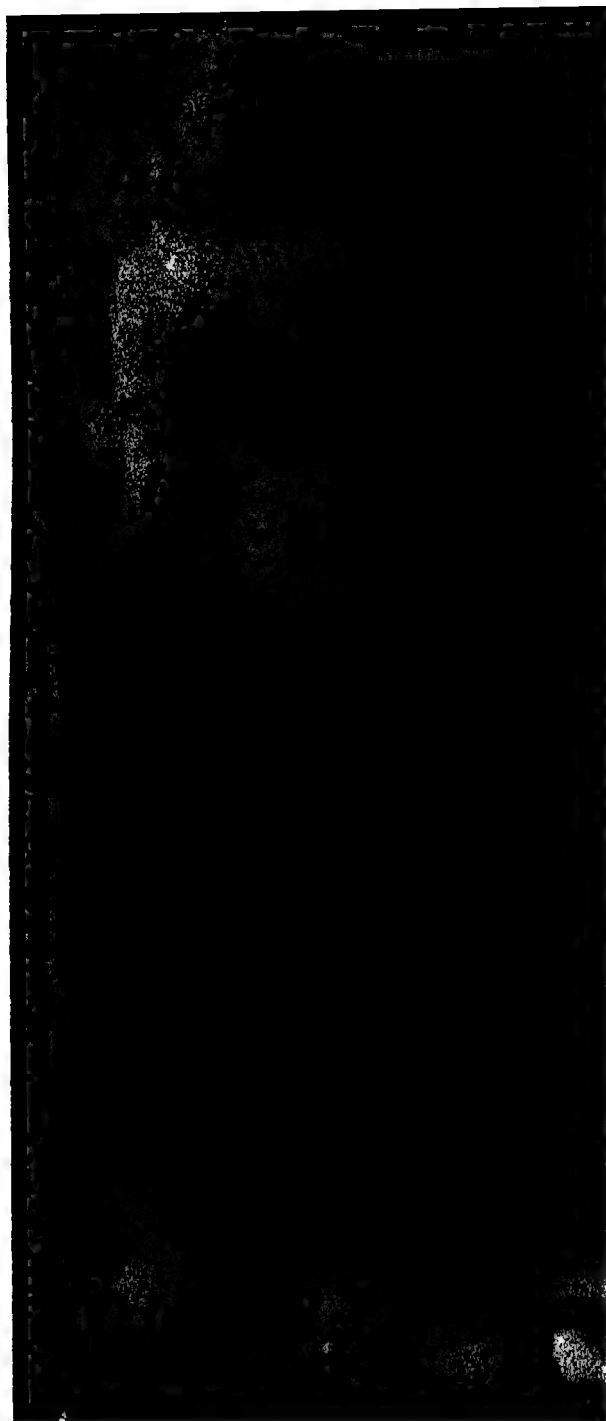
300 Beauty and parrot,
Hoysala 12th century
A D , Belūr

301 Beauty with mirror
from the rail of Jaina *stupa*,
Kushāna, 1st century A D ,
from Kankāli-tīla,
Mathura, now in the Indian
Museum, Calcutta

302. Beauty and parrot,
Hoysala, 12th century
A D , Sravanabelagola



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303. Beauty and parrot,
Kushana, from the Jama
rail, Kankali-tila, Mathurā

304. Architectural
form of pillars, beams,
rafters, eaves, and ceiling of
roof, from Karnātaka
15th-16th century A D ,
Moodbidri

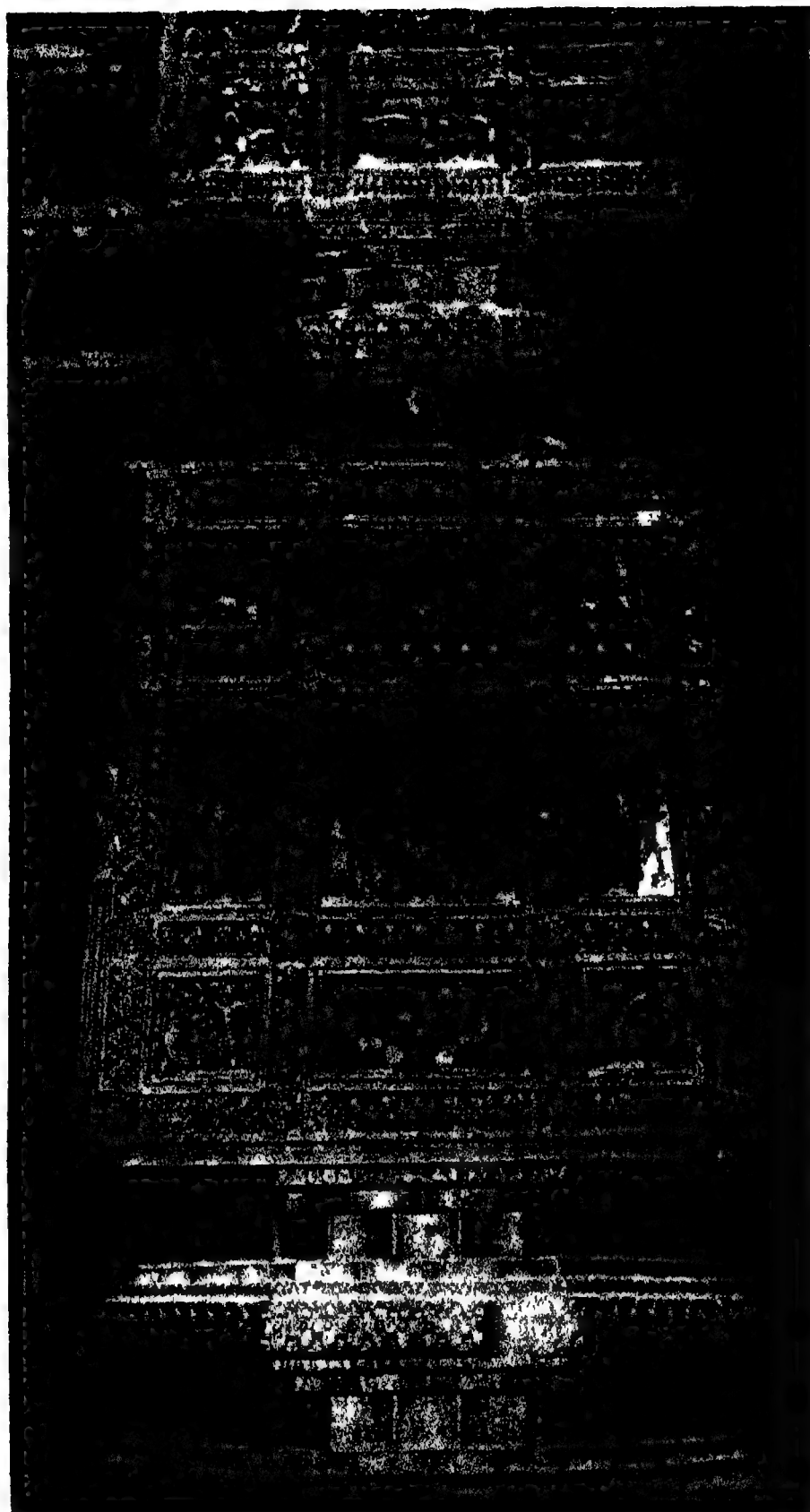
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305. Inscribed and carved
part of *torana* gateway
mentioning the ivory
carvers of Vidiśā,
Śātavāhana, 2nd-1st
century B C , Sāñchī



306 Pillars in delicately carved wood work,
Vijayanagara 14th-15th
century A D

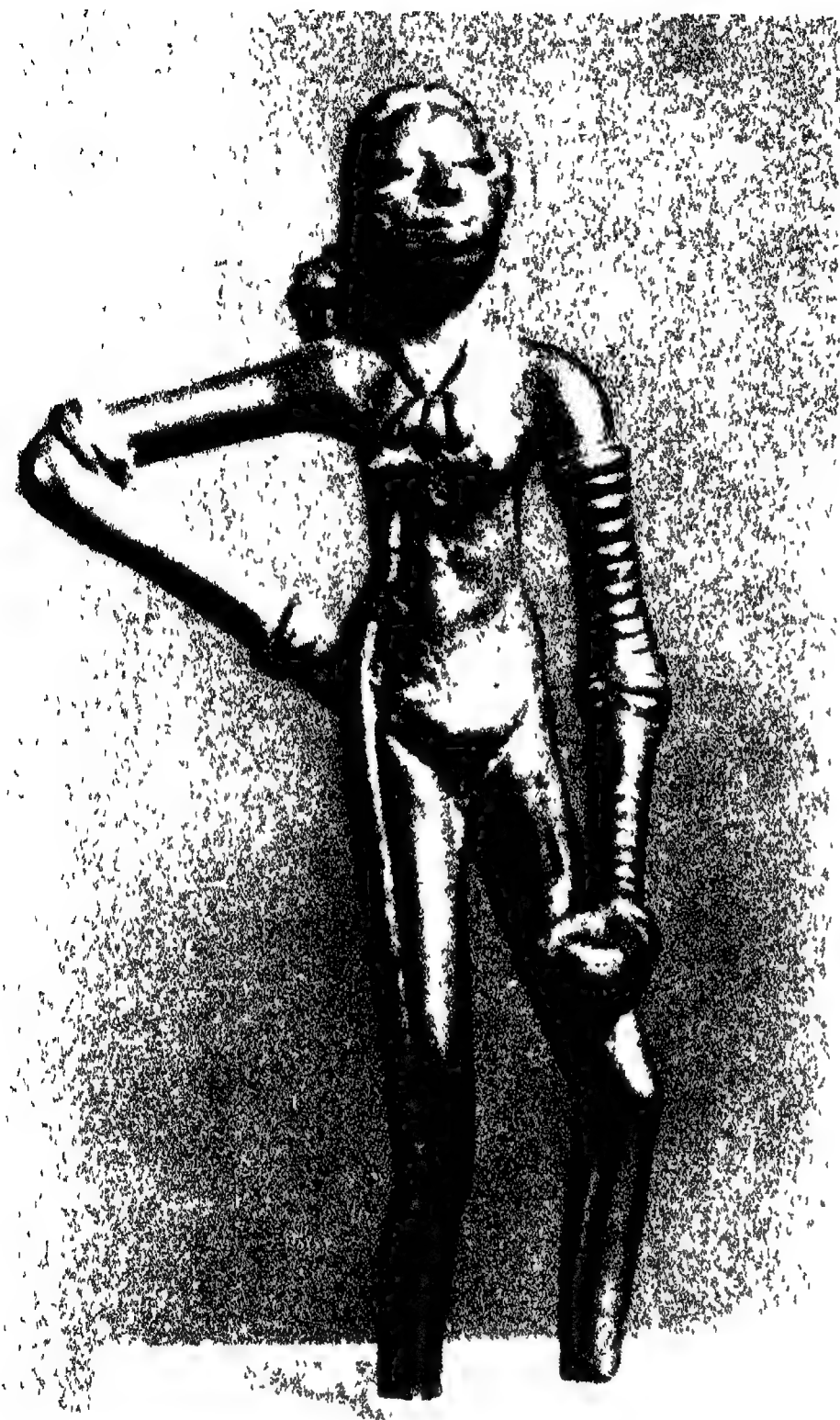


307. *Pañchanārīturahga* on pillar, horse composed of five nymphs, Vijayanagara, 14th-15th century A D , Moodbidri



a horse composed by a clever design of five nymphs arranged to form its contour. These from Moodbidri form an unforgettable charming decoration on pillars in the *mandapa* of the *aramane* palace. There are several other patterns of exquisite grace all pointing to the wood carvers' excellence in work. It is not improbable that the very best wood carvers that have enjoyed even imperial patronage from pre-Mauryan times and mentioned by Pāṇini in his *sūtra* defining *Rājatakshas*, the carpenters in royal employ, were responsible for these masterpieces of art in wood. They reflect the ideas of the time, the jewellery, the costume, the fashion, the hairdo, more than all the place of *kāma* against *dharma* and *artha* with each one balanced against the others, a noble and noteworthy ideal always before the mental gaze of everyone born Indian whether in ancient or medieval India.

In whatever field India excelled, certainly there was a landmark all the more in the field of the fine arts, particularly sculpture, painting, decorative delicate arts like wood and ivory carving, metal work, stone carving, with their source, architecture drawing freely on the rest of the arts for embellishment, itself being the abode for music and dance and other great arts enjoyed through the eye and ear in transient form unlike the more permanent record of the chisel and the brush, and were distinguished by the ardour of their craftsmen, by the connoisseur and the educated audience for its thoughtful and creative ability apart from the superior technique of the craftsmen themselves and the aid of manuals and texts giving the formula and details of the arts themselves with all their nuances codified. In the context it has to be repeated it was a common heritage for all the faiths, where the craftsman followed his system to help fulfil the purpose of each. The Jaina stream of art in India has had a long and glorious course, where the South has contributed in no small measure to this great glory for over two millennia.



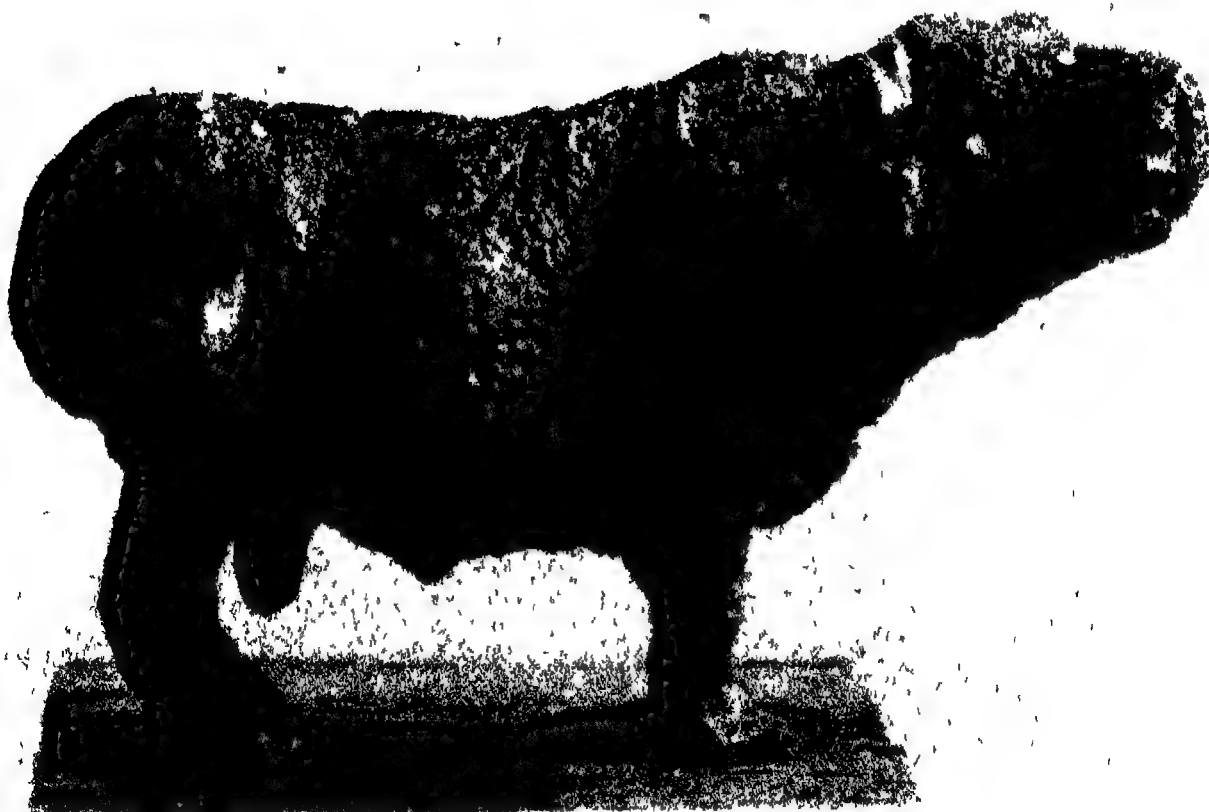
308 Dancer, Harappan,
3rd millennium B C ,
Mohenjodaro National
Museum, New Delhi

Metal images have been produced in India by the *cire perdue* lost-wax method for over 5,000 years now. The method was perfected even in the Harappan period, and some of the most magnificent bronzes, on the successful production of which even the most sophisticated modern sculptor of acclaimed preeminence like Rodin should be proud, can be seen in such example as the buffalo, an amazing study of animal anatomy to perfection and even the natural temperament of the animal like the sniffing of the snout, swishing of the tail matched only by the perfect harmonious modelling of the body, a perfection in treatment and technique almost bewildering, considering its date, the third millennium B C. The treatment of the fur of the tiny spanial is equally amazing. There need be nothing said of the oft-repeated and well-known dancer from Mohenjodaro. These are of the proto-historic period, all according to the *cire perdue* method.

309 Buffalo in metal.
Harappan 3rd millennium
B C, Mohenjodaro,
National Museum, New
Delhi

The best idea of this method itself is given by the Western Chālukyan king Someśvara II in his *Abhilashitārtha-chintāmani*, an encyclopaedic work with a chapter devoted to metal-casting. This is the most detailed description of the *cire perdue* process. This text is from peninsular India, i.e., from Karnāṭaka, i.e. from the southern region where the most magnificent bronzes were produced from the Sātavāhana period onwards and which continues here to be a living art even today. Undoubtedly the most amazing early bronze is a Sātavāhana one of the second century A D, a tiny miniature depicting a royal family, i.e., the king and queens.

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310 Vishāpaharana.
Pallava, 8th century A D ,
Govt Museum Madras
*A rare and magnificent
bronze*

311 Tripurāntaka,
Pallava, 8th century A D ,
Gautam Sarabhai
collection, Ahmedabad

*Magnificent Pallava
bronze*

312. Royal riders on
elephant, Sātavāhana, 2nd
century A D , Kolhāpur
Museum



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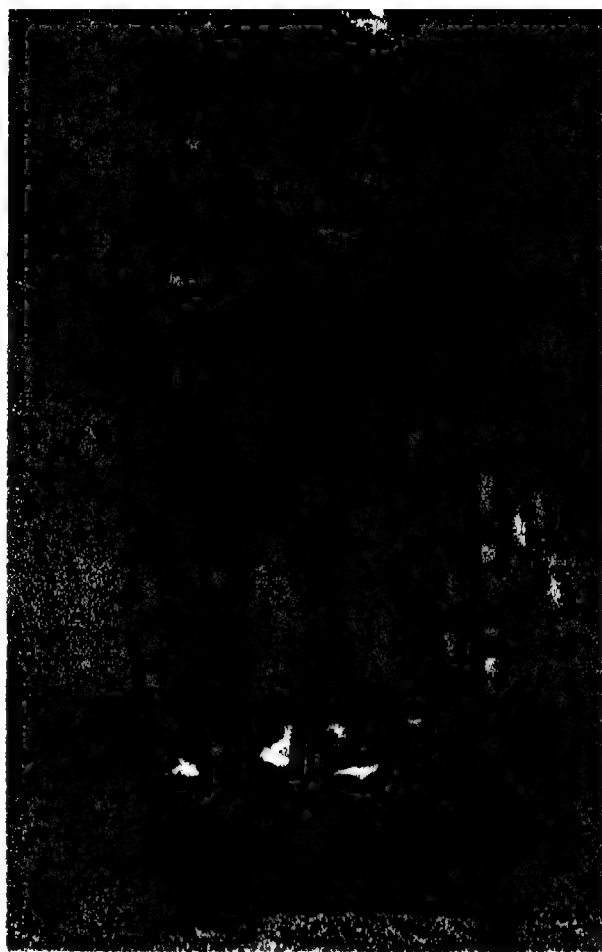


313. Standing Ambikā
with attendant holding
flower garlands and child to
the right, Chola, 12th-13th
century A D .
Singanikuppam, South
Arcot district, Govt
Museum, Madras

314. Tirthankara,
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Kogali, Bellary
district, Govt Museum,
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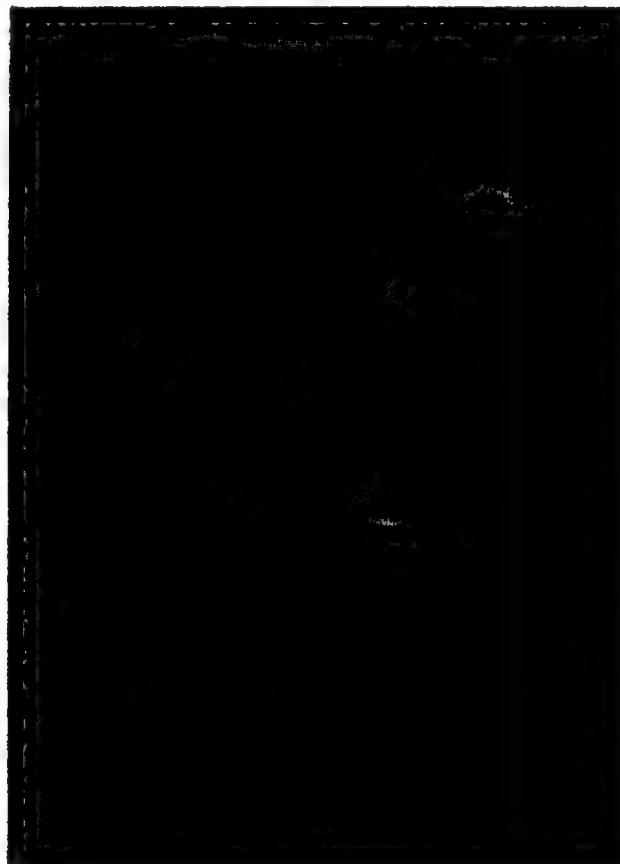
315 Parśvanātha Pallava,
8th century A D , Govt
Museum, Madras

316 Seated Tirthankara,
with one attendant missing,
Chola, 10th-11th century
A D , Śivagangā, Govt
Museum, Madras
A beautiful bronze

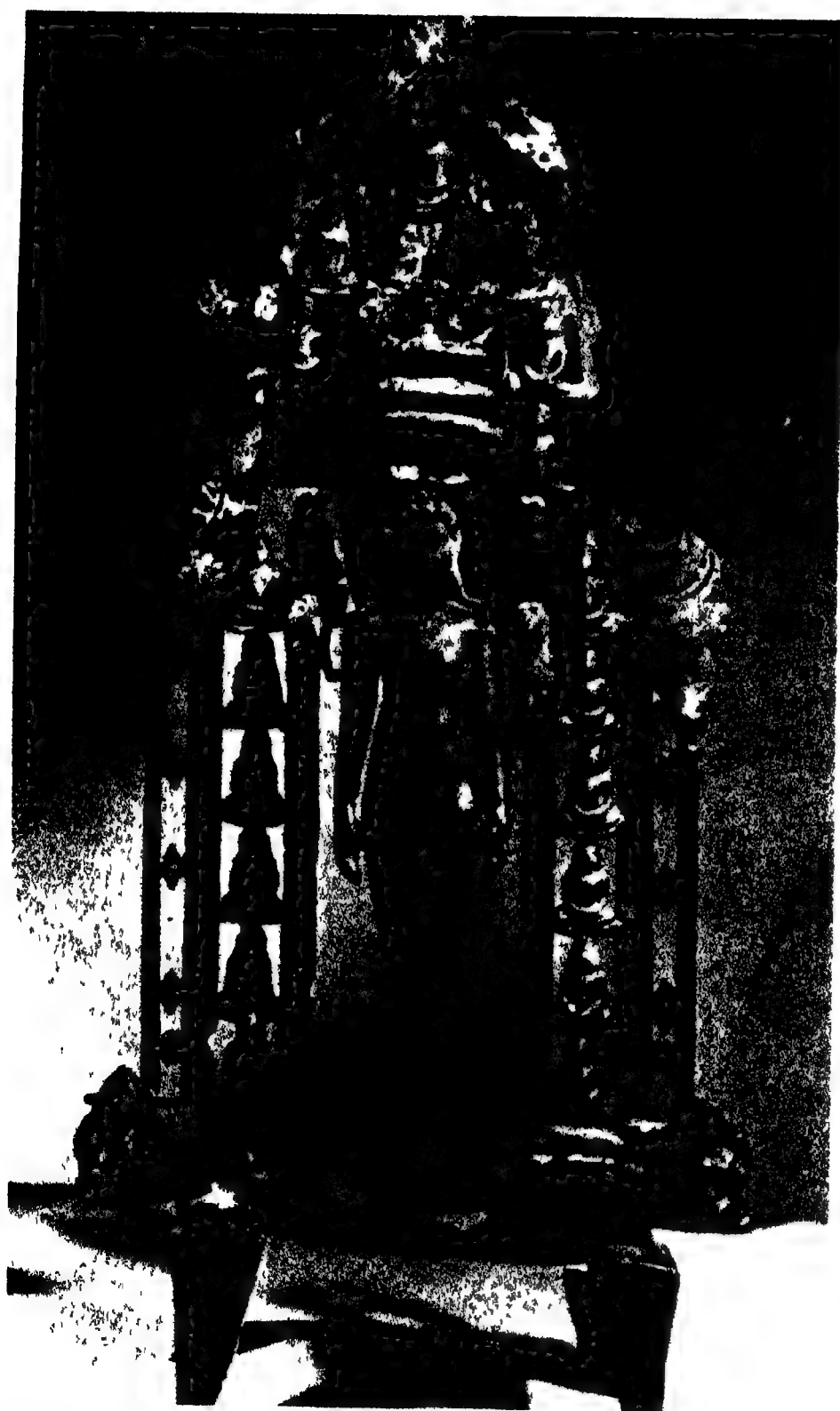


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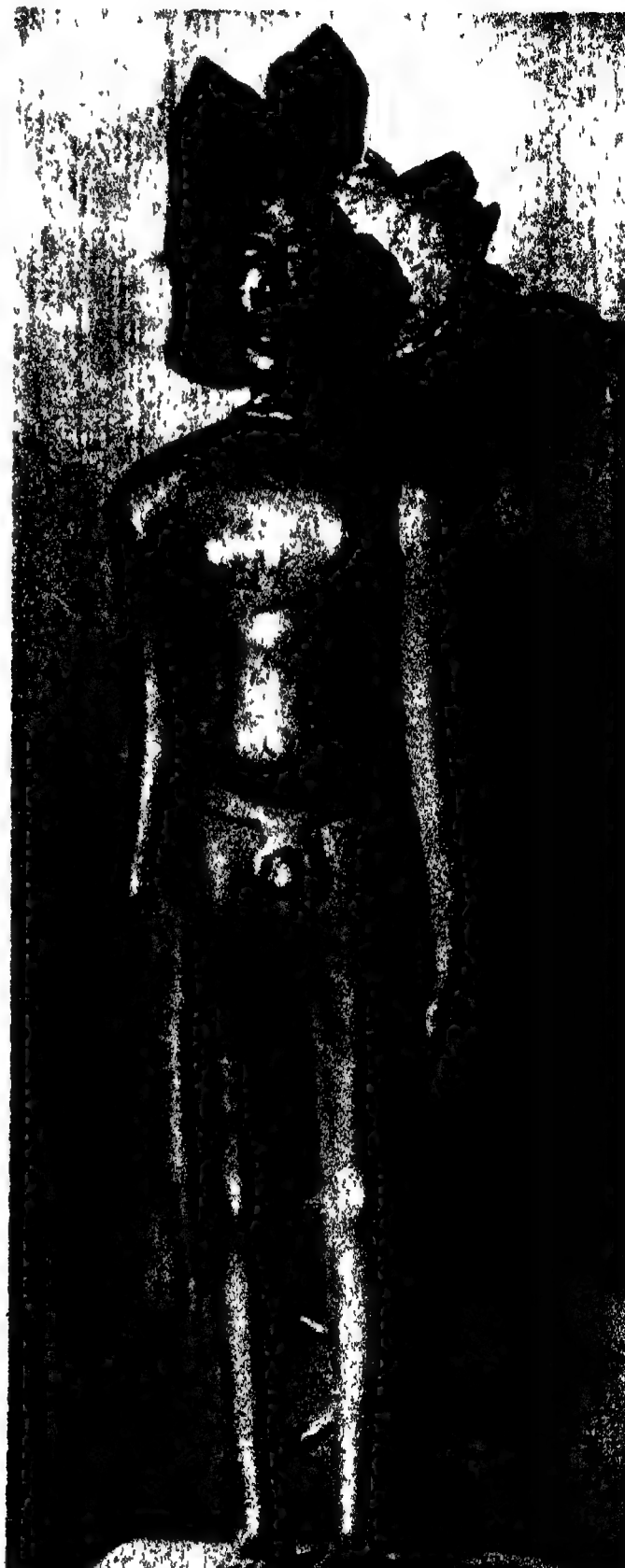
317. Tirthankara.
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Kogali, Bellary,
district Govt Museum,
Madras



318 Pārśvanātha, Pallava,
8th century A D , Govt
Museum Madras

319. Pārśvanātha,
Śātavāhana, 2nd century
A D , Prince of Wales
Museum, Bombay
Very important early one

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320 Seated Tirthankara with attendants Chola, Polūr North Arcot district Govt Museum Madras

321 Standing Tirthankara with prancing lions on the pedestal Chola 13th century A D Govt Museum, Madras

322. Seated Buddha attended by Nāgarājas, Chola 1000 A D Nāgapattinam Govt Museum, Madras

The most magnificent one in the collection of the Nāgapattinam bronzes



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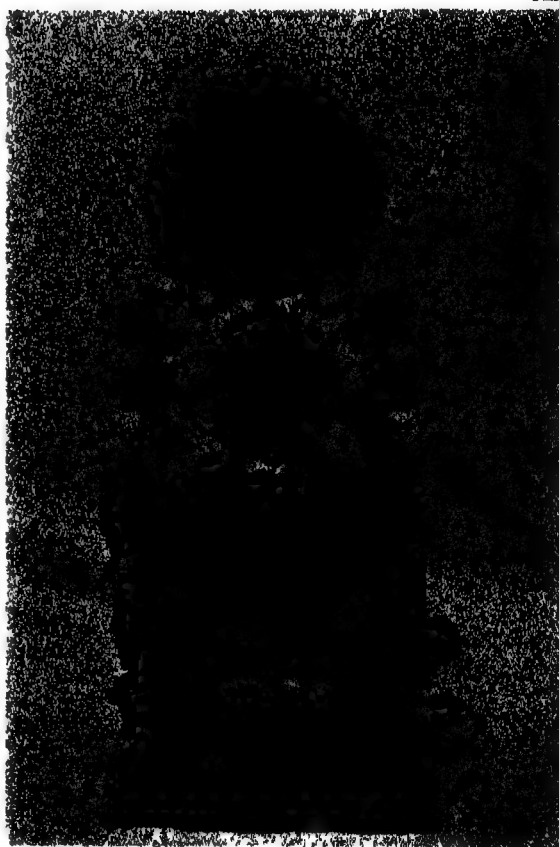
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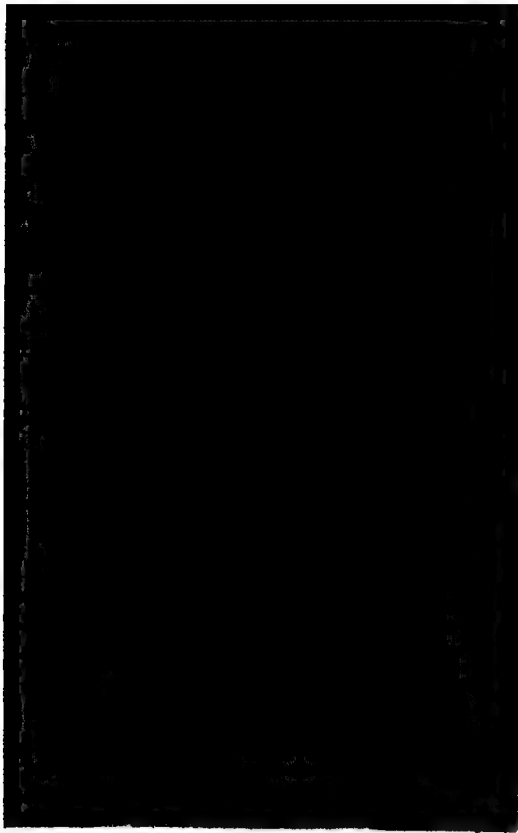
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323. Standing Tirthankara, Chola, 12th century A D , Govt Museum, Madras

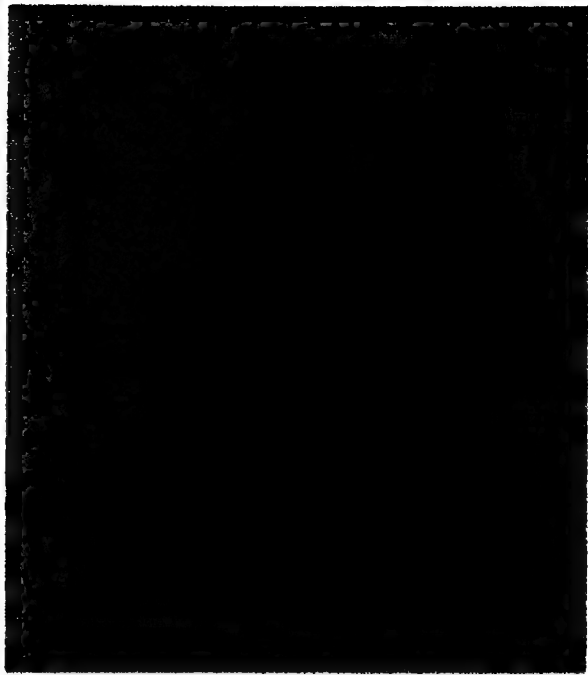
324. Seated Tirthankara with attendants and Yakshas and Yakshis

325 & 325A. Standing Ambikā with attendant holding flower garlands and child to the right Chola, 12th-13th century A D , Singanikuppam, South Arcot district Govt Museum Madras



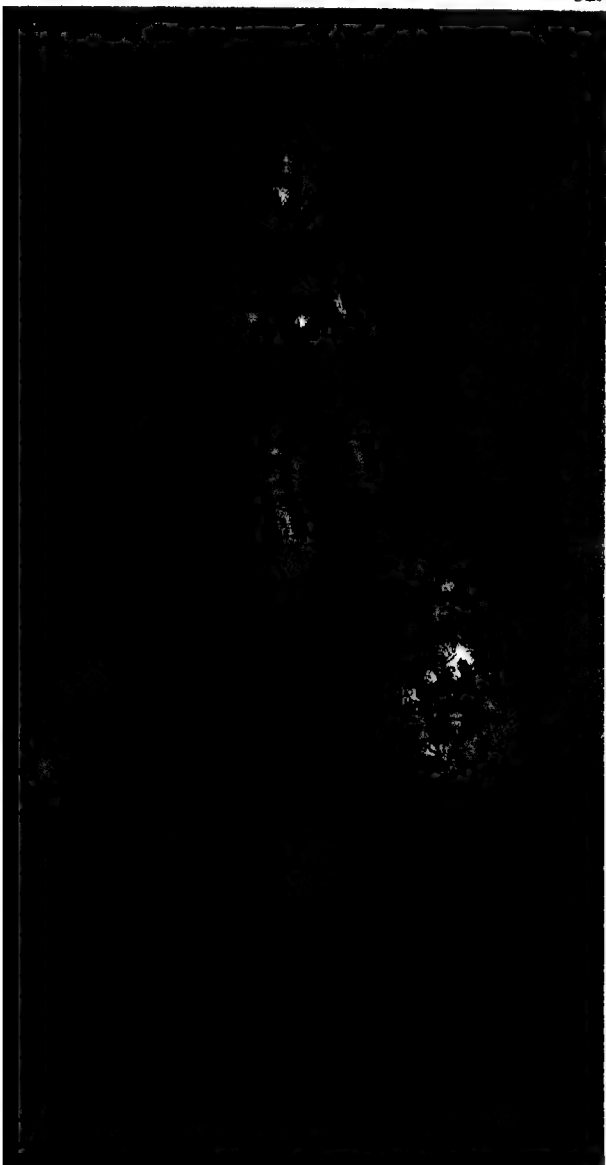


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on an elephant, now in the Kolhāpur Museum. In a passage from his learned commentary on the *Brahmasūtras*, Śaṅkara has clearly though in an epitome summed up the *cire perdue* process. This is of the eighth century when the Pallava craftsman was producing masterpieces of eminence. *Mūshāsikṭadrutātāmrādivat* is a short line no doubt, but is packed with all the details of the molten metal poured from a crucible into the mould to produce the image when it is cooled down. The Viśhāpaharāna image from the Museum of Madras along with Tripurāntaka of the Gautam Sarabhai collection is among the best Pallava examples.

As already observed no craft or art can be called Brāhmanical, Buddhist or Jaina as the technique was the same, and the craftsman the selfsame who worked for all the three and could produce masterpieces of the pantheon of every faith. Thus, among the Jaina images of the earliest date from the South there are those that arrest attention. One of them, of the Pallava period, is a very simple one of Pārśvanātha in the Madras Museum. There is another from Kogali in Bellary district, a lovely Chālukyan one, almost a contemporary of the Pallava one, also in the Madras Museum, equally representing the early phase.

But far earlier than these is a fine early Pārśvanātha in metal in the Prince of Wales Museum which has been almost an enigma in regard to its provenance and school. The face, modelling of the body and other features make it come very close to the earliest Buddha images in metal of the Sātavāhana school of the first two centuries A.D. in the Amarāvati region. It is obviously a Sātavāhana bronze of the late first or early second century A.D. It is indeed very important for study of the metal craftsman's work in the vast empire of the Sātakarnīs that has yielded such fine rare examples as the royal elephant riders from Kolhāpur and the Buddhas from Amarāvati and Buddhas in the Madras Museum and the British Museum.

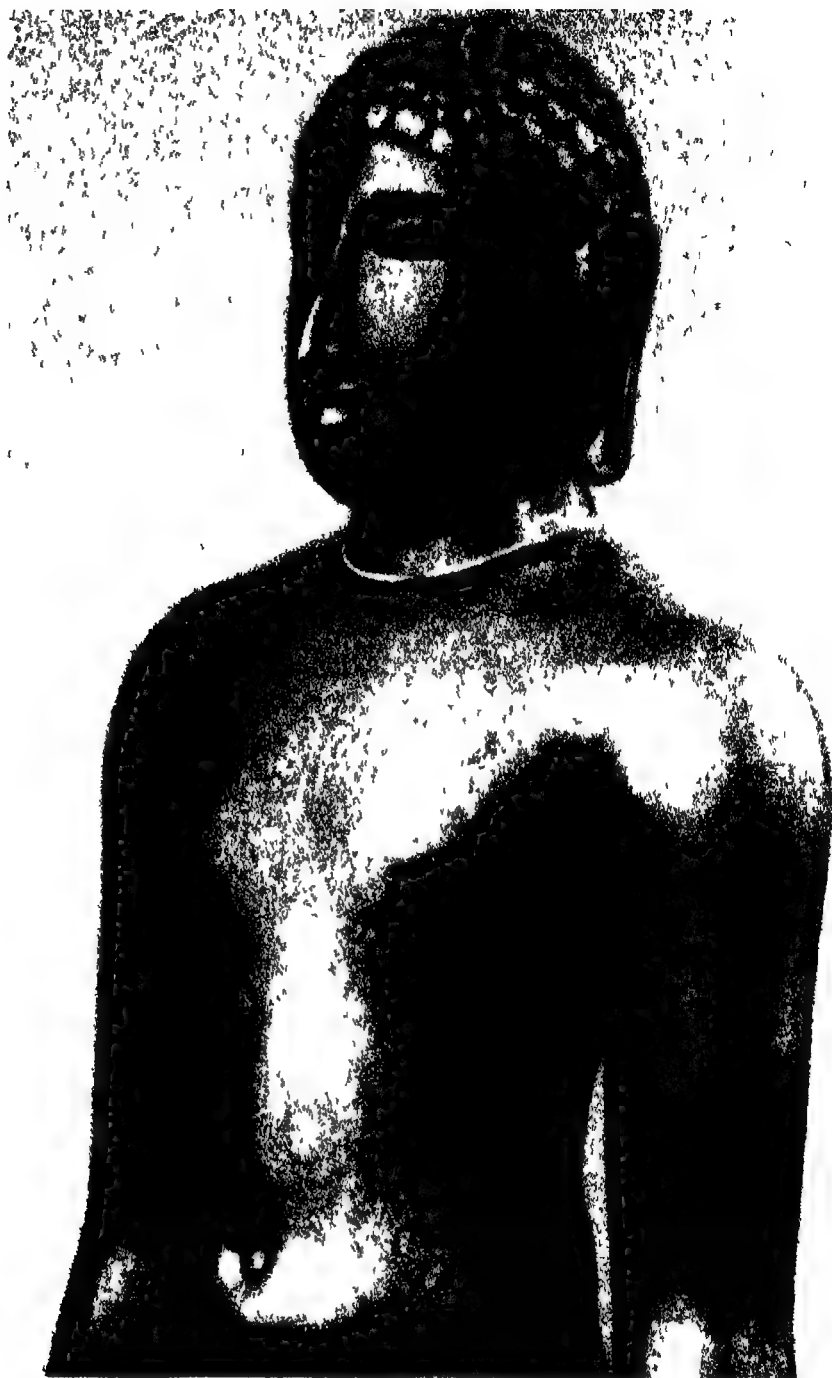
The grand phase of metal work in south India was during the time of the early Cholas to which period belongs a masterpiece of Tirthaṅkara image from Śivagaṅgā, originally with both the attendants on either side, but now with one of them lost, an exceedingly fine example of delicate



326 Seated Tirthankara
with attendants, Chola
Polūr, North Arcot district,
Govt Museum Madras

327 Standing Mahāvira,
Chola, 12th-13th century
A D , Singanikuppam,
South Arcot district, Govt
Museum, Madras

A fine example



workmanship This recalls the exquisite Buddha with Nāgarājas in attendance from Nāgapattinam so identical in feeling There is another, a similar one, but probably not so striking, though a very good-looking one, with both the attendants intact This is from Polūr in North Arcot district A standing Mahāvira from Singanikuppam in South Arcot district in the Madras Museum collection is a striking example of lingering Chola grace in a late example of the twelfth-thirteenth century Hailing from identical location is a standing Ambikā with an attendant holding a flower garland and a little child to her right, a typical example of late Chola work of the twelfth-thirteenth century The elbow band of golden thread with fluffy knot so characteristic in the early Chola phase still lingers on and there are many other earlier delicate renderings continued The miniature Tīrthaṅkara on her crown is a device often met with in the form of a *dhyāni-Buddha* on the crown of images of the Buddhist pantheon This is a remarkably lovely bronze of the Jaina collection in the Madras Museum

A beautiful Ādinātha from Malli in Gulbarga shows him seated with *chauri*-bearers on either side immediately behind the *makara*-decorated

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328. Close up of 329

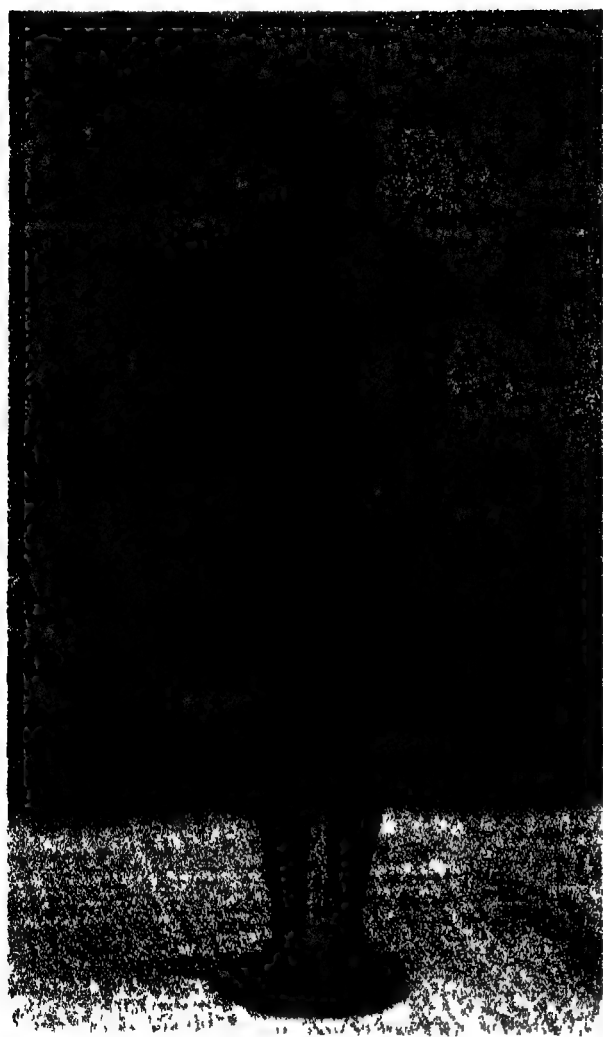
329 Standing Mahāvīra
Chola 12th century A D
Singamkuppam South
Arcot district, Govt
Museum, Madras

A fine example

330 Tirthankara standing
with triple umbrella,
Chālukya 8th-9th century
A D , Bāpatlā, Hyderabad
Museum

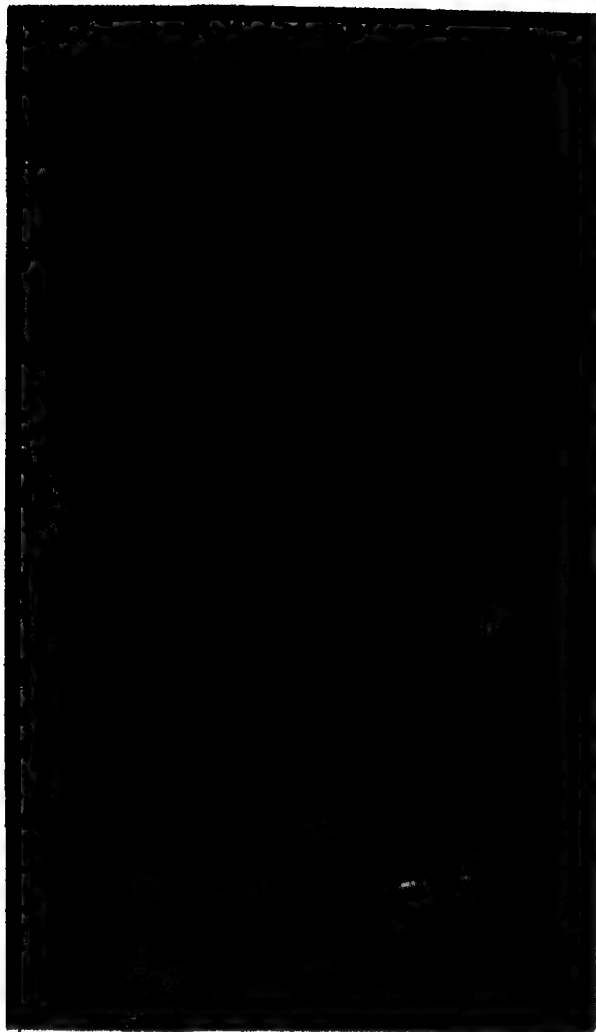
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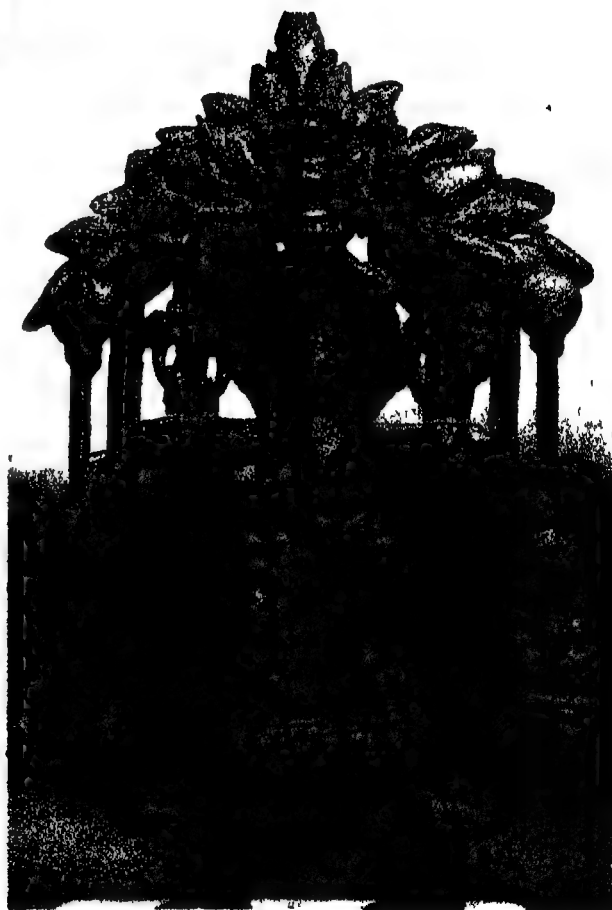




331 Yakshī Ambikā
accompanied by child and
attendant, Eastern
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Bāpatlā, Guntūr
district Hyderabad
Museum

332. Tirthankara
elaborately worked with
Yaksha and Yakshi on
either side, *chauri*-bearers,
Eastern Chālukya, 8th-9th
century A D , Bāpatlā
Guntūr district,
Hyderabad Museum

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333. Ādinātha, late
Chālukya, 11th century
A D , Malli, Gulbarga

334. Standing Tīrthankara
Rāshtrakūta-Chola
transition, 8th-9th century
A D , Śravanabelagola,
Bangalore Museum

335 Complete group of
Chaturvimsatikā of the
twentyfour Tīrthankaras in
one with Ādinātha as the
central figure, Western
Chālukya, 11th-12th
century A D , Pudukkottai
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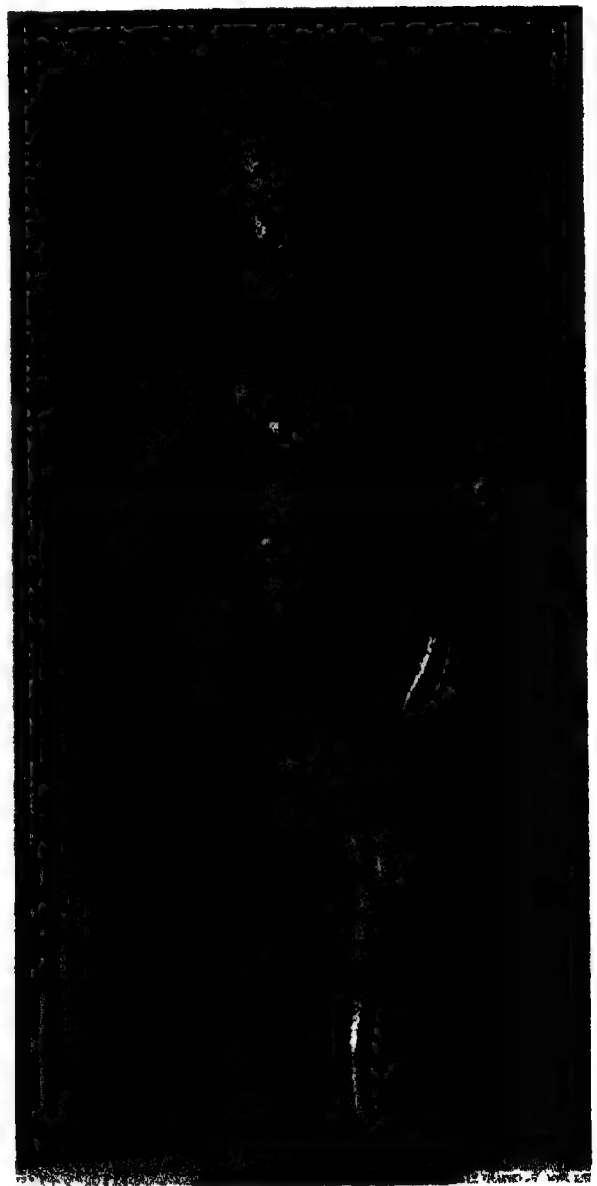
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336. Tirthankara standing,
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Raichūr, Hyderabad
Museum

337. Yakshi, Eastern
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Bāpaṭlā, Guntūr
district, Hyderabad
Museum

*Appears to be Padmāvatī
holding umbrella handle for
Pārśvanātha, upper portion
of umbrella broken beyond
the handle*



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338. Yaksha and Yakshi
with their Tirthankara in
miniature composed on the
top of the *prabhā*. Eastern
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Bāpatlā, Guntūr
district, Hyderabad
Museum

339. Tirthankara standing,
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Raichūr, Hyderabad
Museum
*Has śrīvatsa mark, a rare
feature*



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340 Pārśvanatha,
Chālukya-Rāshtrakūta
transition, 8th-9th century
A D , Sravanabelagola
Bangalore Museum

The image is broken near
the chest and has been
repaired by addition of
disproportionate large
head. Noteworthy for
śrīvatsa mark on the chest
occurring in the locality
Śravanabelagola
Bangalore Museum

backrest with triple-umbrella above and the indication of the celestial tree. The face is a charming one and the modelling of the body is exquisite. It is a later Chālukya one of the eleventh-twelfth century A D.

A complete group of the *chaturvīṃśatikā* from Krishnarājapeta in Mysore, composed of Ādinātha as the central figure with his Yaksha and Yakshī flanking him and all the other twentythree Tirthankaras arranged all around is a typical example of Chālukya work of the eleventh-twelfth century A D. This is an exceedingly beautiful one. A simple and effective seated Tirthankara to be definitely dated in the twelfth-thirteenth century is from Nellikāra.

Śravanabelagola has yielded some Chālukya pieces of an earlier date, i.e. of the eighth-ninth century A D, not all in a good state of preservation, one of them particularly being in a sad state of decay. Of these one has lost its head which is replaced by a very late and disproportionate addition that gives a misleading picture of the date and quality of an otherwise very important figure. This is peculiarly interesting for the *śrīvatsa* mark on the chest of shape identical with that on late Pallava bronzes of Vishnu, but which however is absent for Tirthankaras in the Tamil area though not ruled out in the Chālukya. All of them are in the Bangalore Museum.

The most beautiful image of the Chālukya school, however, is a Rāshtrakūta bronze of exquisite workmanship, a Bāhubali of the ninth century A D, now in the Prince of Wales Museum. The delicate shaping of the features, the modelling, the representation of the creepers entwining the feet, the *dakṣiṇāvarta* curls on the head, the natural stance though a perfectly straight one *riṇvāyata*, the beam on the face, is all masterly workmanship.

An inscribed bronze of seated Tirthankara graceful in its simplicity from Nellikāra is typical Chālukya work of the twelfth century, while two, from Raybāg in Belgaum of the thirteenth century, illustrate a *chaturvīṃśatikā* of Mahāvīra and Sarvāhna Yaksha with the elephant incised on the *pīṭha* and adorning the Tirthankara on his crown with both pairs of arms.

A sculpture in metal of Pārśvanātha with Yaksha and Yakshī on either side seated and with *chaurī*-bearers standing behind the back rest of the seat with the three umbrellas over the snakehoods against the foliage of the tree indicated above in the usual trefoil form of arrangement of the foliage, a common feature in Karnāṭaka and the South, and with the *makara-torana* higher up bordered by flames is a typical example now in the British Museum.

An earlier one, possibly from the Karnāṭaka region which should be assigned to the ninth century is an example of Rāshtrakūta work in the Nashi and Alice Heeramanek collection in the Los Angeles Museum. The face is the very picture of peace. The ears are beautifully done and point to the ability of the craftsman according to the dictum of the *Chitrāsūtra* itself 'that he is a great master who can mould a shapely ear lobe undecorated'. The moulding of the body itself is very beautifully done and proclaim the figure as a superior one. This can be compared with another similar one of the Tamil region from near Pudukottai, also of the same date, indicating it early Chola, and now in the Nelson gallery, Atkins Museum at Kansas City.

Almost as a contrast is a late example of Chālukyan work showing Ambikā, standing with her hand on the head of one of her children, another riding the lion, above her bunches of leaves and green mangoes seen through the foliage in clusters composed against the *prabhāvali* on top of which is shown her Tirthankara Neminātha. This can be assigned to

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341 Pārśvanātha with the portion below the waist broken and lost and replaced by a later addition and looking disproportionately short
Chālukya-Rāshtrakuta transition 8th-9th century A D Sravanabelagola Bangalore Museum

342 Seated Tirthankara
Western Chālukya
12th-13th century A D
Nelikipara South Kanara district



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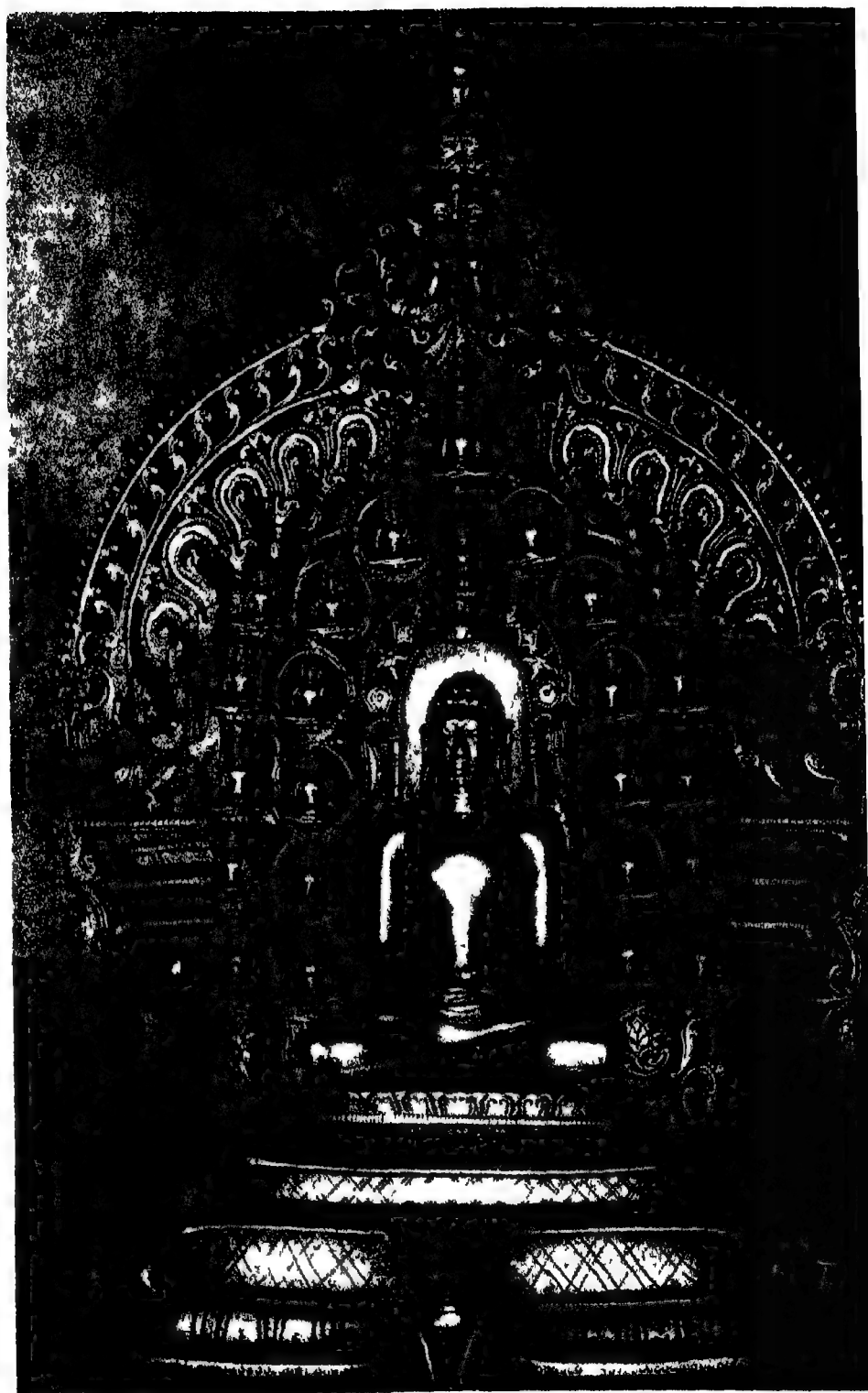
343. Bāhubali,
Rāshtrakūta, 9th century
A D

*An exquisite piece from the
Prince of Wales Museum,
Bombay*



344 Standing Tirthankara
with right arm partly
broken, Chalukya
Rāshtrakūṭa transition
8th-9th century A D
Sravanbelagola Bangalore
Museum

345 *Chatto vimsatikā* of
Mahāvīra with the earlier
Tirthankaras arranged all
around, Chalukya 13th
century A D , Rāybhāg
Belgaum



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346 Tirthankara
Rāshtrakuta 9th century
A D. Nash and Alice
Heeramanck collection
Los Angeles Museum





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347. Sarvāhna Yaksha with elephant incised on the *puṭa*, Western Chālukya 13th century A D Belgaum

348 Pārsvanātha with Yaksha and Yakshi flanking as well as *chauri* bearers, late Chālukya from Karnataka, British Museum London



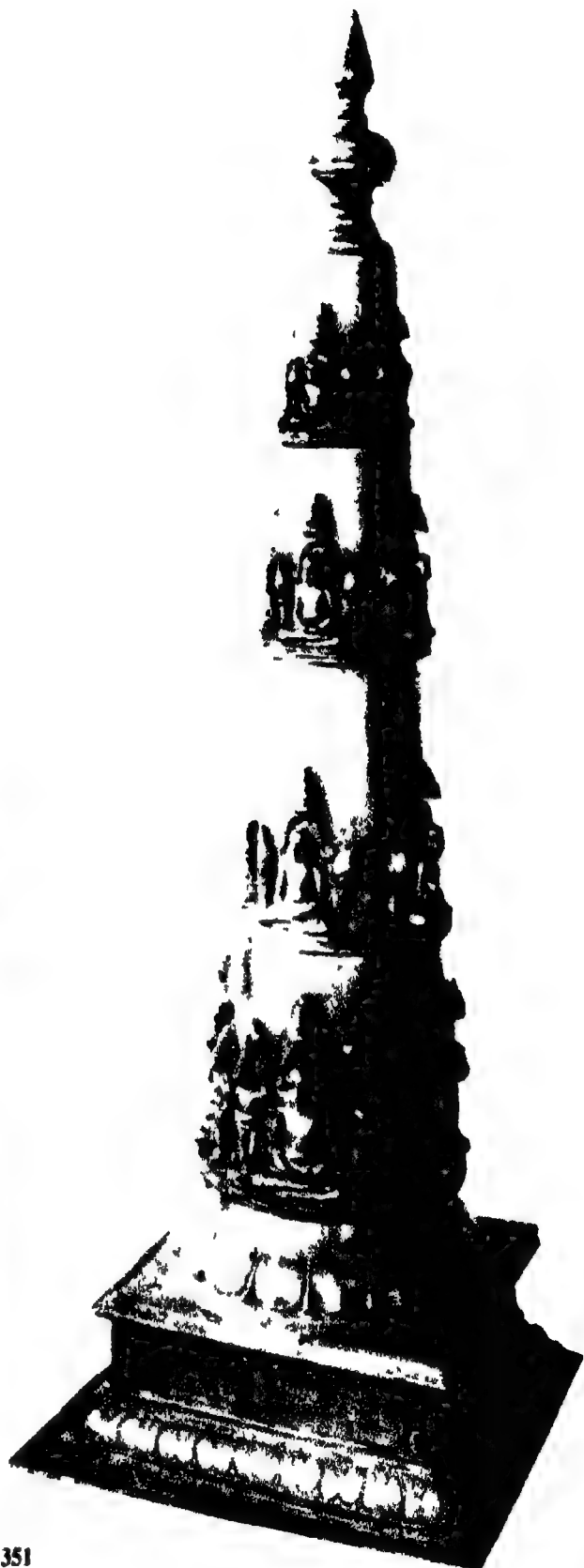
349. Tirthankara
elaborately worked with
Yaksha and Yakshi on
either side *chauri*-bearers
Eastern Chalukya, 8th-9th
century A D , Bapatlā,
Guntur district Hyderabad
Museum

350 Yakshī Ambika
accompanied by child and
attendant, Eastern
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Bāpatlā, Guntūr
district, Hyderabad
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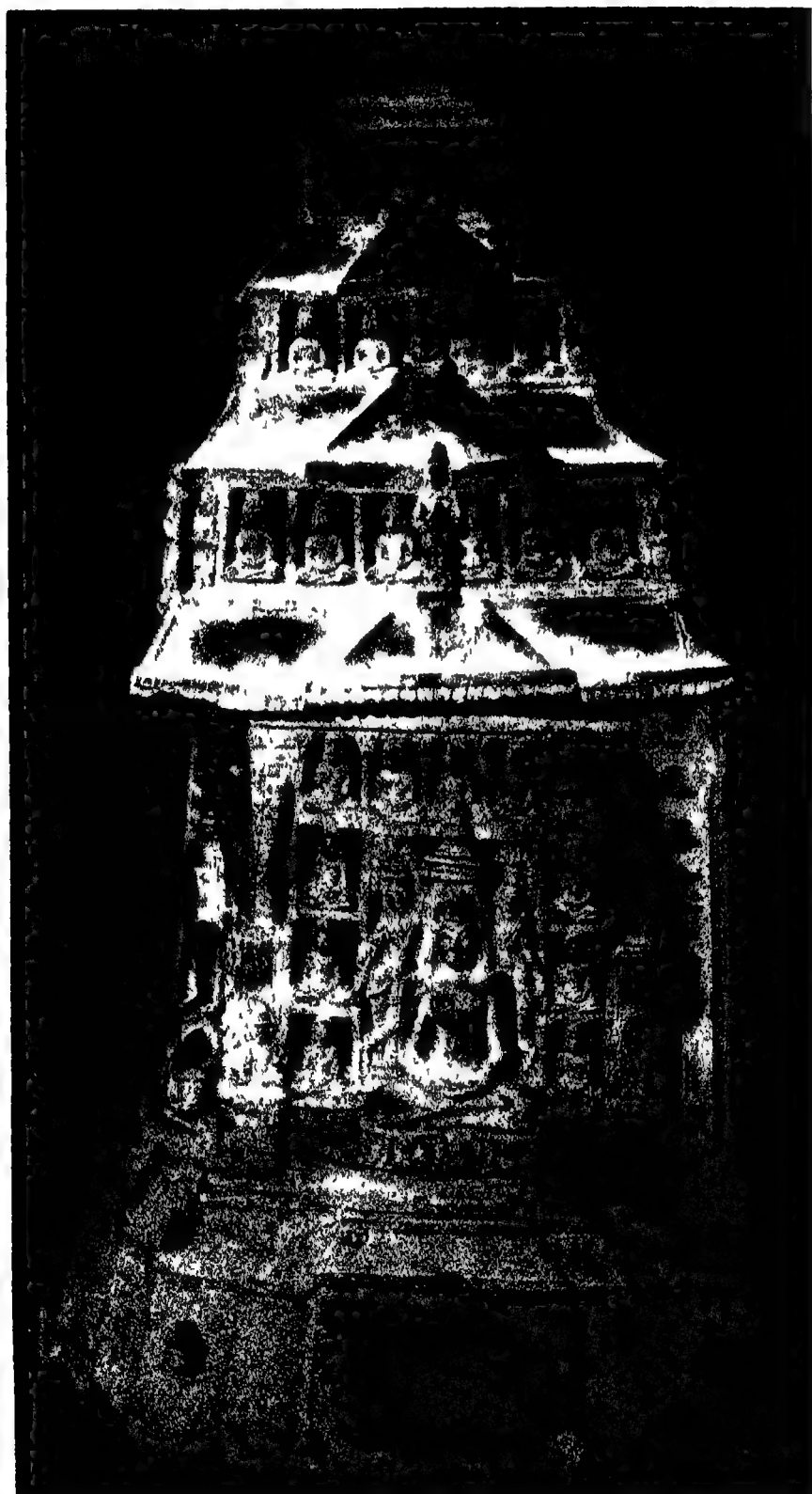
351 Sarvatobhadra shrine
composed of Tirthankaras
in conical tiers,
Vijayanagara, 14th-15th
century A D , Venkunram



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352 Sarvatobhadra shrine
as Nandisvara composed of
Tirthankaras in pyramidal
tiers, late Chalukya
12th-13th century A D
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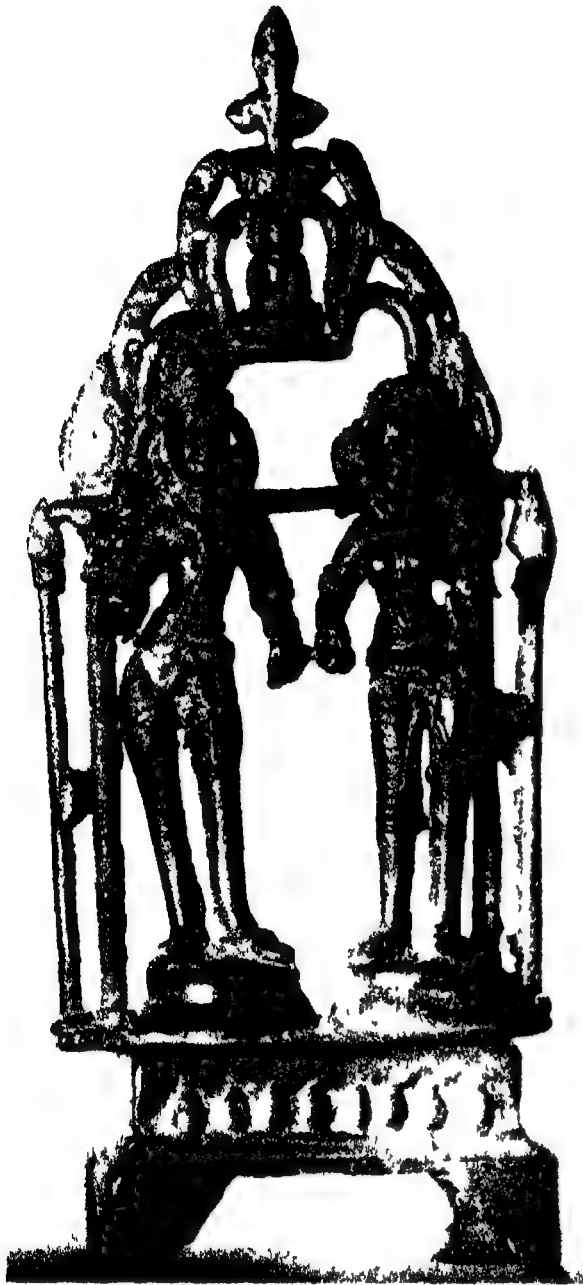


353 Sarvatobhadra shrine
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354 Seated Tirthankara
early Chola, 9th-10th
century A.D. from
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355 Yaksha and Yakshi with their Tirthankara in miniature composed on the top of the *prabhū*, Eastern Chalukya 8th-9th century A D , Bāpatla, Guntur district, Hyderabad Museum

356 Yakshī Eastern Chalukya 8th-9th century A D , Bapatlā Guntur district Hyderabad Museum

Appears to be Padmāvati holding umbrella handle for Pārsvanātha, upper portion of umbrella broken beyond the handle



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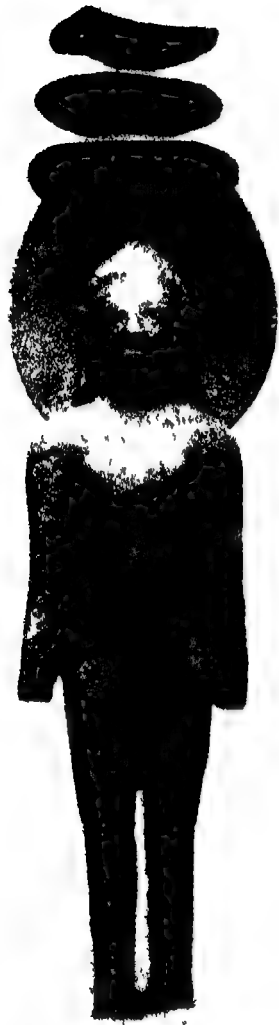
the twelfth century. The workmanship itself pronounces it rather common place. This also belongs to the Heeramanek collection in the Los Angeles Museum.

To the late phase should be assigned such bronzes of groups in architectural setting composing Tirthankaras and other deities both standing and seated, arranged in tiers of cubical and octagonal pyramid almost like the top of a *vimāna* with finial at the top composed in *meru* fashion. From Malkhed and Māndyā are miniature *sarvatobhadra* shrines known as Nandīśvara, again composed of Tirthankaras in four principal tiers, four prominent Tirthankaras facing the four sides in the bottom tier surrounded all around with rows of Tirthankaras in the other tiers one above the other as well as other deities facing the directions in devotional attitude. These are interesting more from a purely iconographic point of view rather than from any aesthetic charm in them.

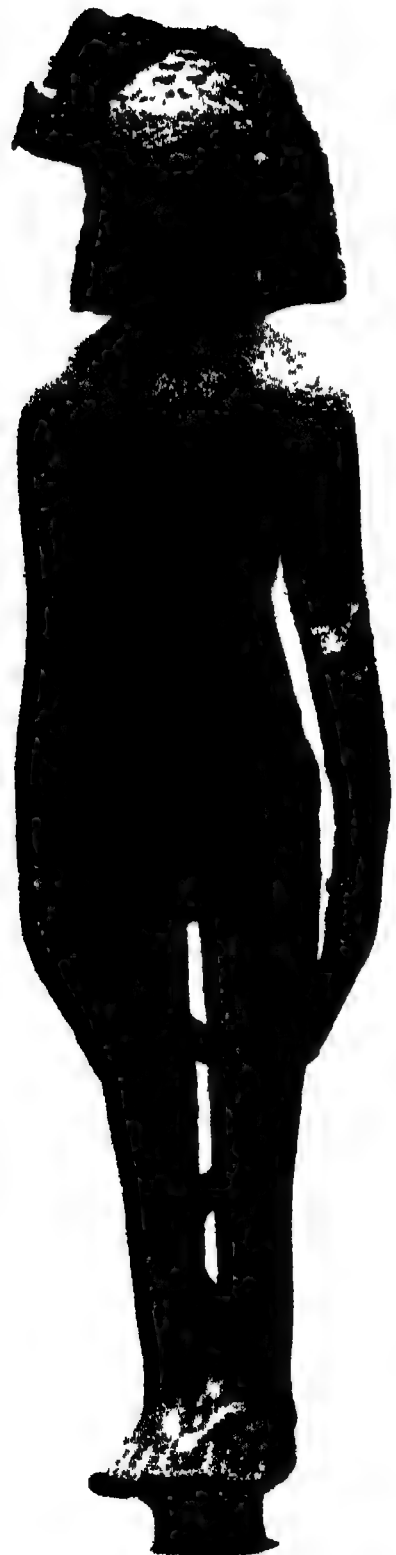
The state Museum at Hyderabad has some lovely early bronzes. Here is a Yakshī Ambikā in the Chālukya style of the eighth-ninth century, standing accompanied by her child and attendant, as in the Chola bronze from the Madras Museum. It is a masterpiece with the arrangement of the foliage of the mango tree against the *prabhā* at the top, the attendant and the juvenile figure on either side so natural and balanced, she herself in so attractive a stance as the central figure, all thoughtfully composed. Another is a simple Tirthankara that, in spite of its feet and hands broken and lost, almost invites attention by its natural and graceful demeanour, the simple circular halo and triple umbrella. It is a definitely early Western Chālukya bronze of the eighth century A.D. To the ninth-tenth century should be assigned a Tirthankara, more elaborately worked, with a Yaksha and Yakshī on either side, *chauri*-bearers behind his seat-rest, the sacred tree elaborately fashioned, the triple umbrella and all the other appurtenances carefully composed. A Yaksha and Yakshī with their Tirthankara in miniature located on the top of the *prabhā* fashioned in so charming and natural a mode as to clearly point to its early date of the eighth-ninth century A.D. is another Chālukya masterpiece. A Yakshī, probably Padmavati, holding the umbrella for Pārśvanātha, only the part of the handle of which remains, the upper part being broken and lost, is an exquisite piece, with the modelling so delicate, the jewellery so lovely in arrangement, the hair-do so attractive and the poise itself so dignified with one of the hands resting akimbo on her hip, is indeed a masterpiece. All these are from Bāpatlā in Guntūr district.

A number of Tirthankaras of the eighth-ninth century, all from Raichūr, are of excellent workmanship, considering the sculptor's difficulty in introducing anything spectacular in a form expected to be very simple without any embellishment, only the modelling of the body revealing the sculptor's taste and study of form. Even among these there is a Pārśvanātha with the snake-hoods over his head looking so much more attractive. These bronzes are of special importance when we consider how little known are Eastern Chālukyan bronzes of which the most remarkable are those from Chimakurti from the Madras Museum that belong to the eleventh century A.D. These Jaina bronzes are definitely of a very much earlier date in the proximity of the date of Kubjavishnuvardhana's immediate successors. The bronzes both from Āndhra and Karnāṭaka illustrating the phases of early Western Chālukya, Rāshtrakūṭa, late Western Chālukya, are as important as those of Pallava and Chola date in Tamiḷ Nādu. Maybe that they are just a few, yet they are remarkable as fine examples of Eastern Chālukya metal work that is so rare.

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357. Tirthankara standing
with triple umbrella,
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Bāpatlā Hyderabad
Museum



358. Tirthankara standing
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Bāpatlā, Hyderabad
Museum



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359 Tirthankara standing,
Chālukya, 8th-9th century
A D , Raichūr,
Hyderabad, Museum

360 Tirthankara attended
by Yaksha and Yakshī and
attendants, triple umbrella
above, Bāpatlā, Hyderabad
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361 Tirthankara attended
by Yaksha and Yakshi and
attendants, triple umbrella
above, Bāpatlā, Hyderabad
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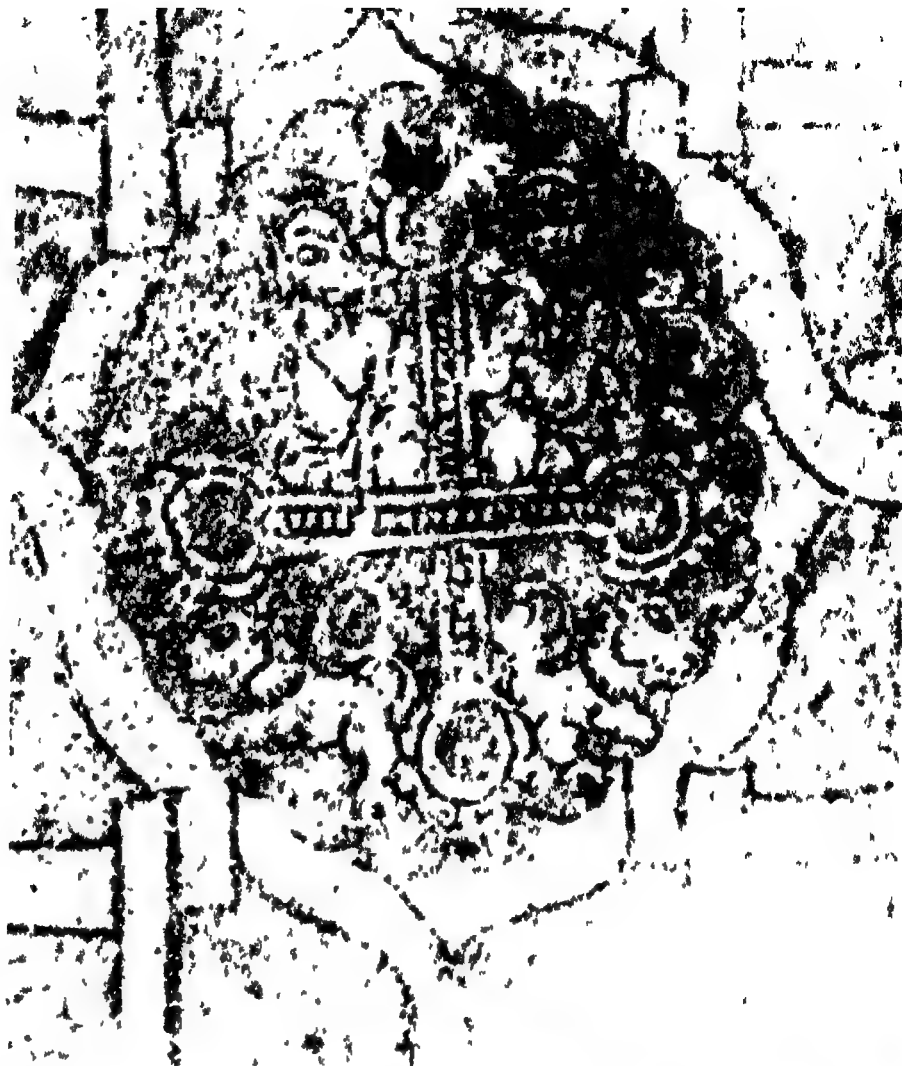
Jaina contribution in the field of painting, at least in the earlier and later phases of the medieval period, was mainly in south India, and it is indeed a good fortune for almost every phase of painting of each major school of south Indian art to have been preserved either in the form of murals or as magnificent book illustrations on palm leaf manuscripts. It has already been observed that in the beginning of the seventh century Mahendravarman, the curious-minded, poetical, musical and art-minded ruler, originally a Jaina, had even during the earlier days of his reign, when he had not changed his faith, started on his raw innovation of rock-cut temple in which he so very much prided at Dalavānūr. At Sittannavāsāl, not far from Tiruchirāpallī, he excavated the Jaina temple that is so famous. For long all these paintings in this cave were taken as painted immediately after the excavation of the cave. Later it was discovered that there are two layers of paintings, an earlier and a later, as also an inscription of the ninth century relating to the additions and renovations in the early Pāṇḍya period. It is only a portion of the ceiling, originally painted and not completely covered by the Pāṇḍya coat, that gives patterns of the earlier Pallava painter.

Thus it is clear that what were taken to be early Pallava paintings of the time of Mahendravarman are actually Pāṇḍya of the ninth century. Thus, the famous figures so well known and so charming in their execution like the prince and princess with a monk before them and the two marvellous dancers as well as the pool filled with flowers, fishes, ducks, buffalo and elephant, with lotus-gatherers, are all Pāṇḍya paintings of great elegance revealing the craftsmanship of the painter. An inscription in Tamil verse near the southern end of the facade mentions a Jaina *āchārya* Ilan-Gautaman, hailing from Madurai, who renovated and embellished the *ardha-mundapa*, intermediary hall, and added a *mukha-mundapa*, front hall.

One of the paintings in the cave represents a lake as the delightful abode of fish, animals, birds, and flower-gatherers so charming in their natural delineation. It may not illustrate the parable of the lotus pool, but the 'region of the lake', the second *khātikā-bhūmi* (region) where the *bhavyas*, the good ones, rejoice while washing themselves, as they pass on from region to region in order to hear the discourse of the Lord, in the *samavasarana* structure. The beaming faces and an earnestness of purpose characterise the flower-gatherers portrayed in elegant proportions. The stalks of the lotuses that they carry, hugged with such tenderness, as well as the petals of the blooming flowers and the buds, are wonderfully realistic. The ducks, fish and other aquatic animals, particularly the buffaloes, are perfect examples of the painter's study of their form, movement, life and habits. The ducks are such a favourite theme, that even though there is a mode of expressing them in a slight convention, common to these early medieval schools like the Nolamba and early Chālukya, there is yet a charm that cannot be replaced by a mere faithful delineation of the anatomy of the bird. The floriated tails are indeed a pattern to admire.

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362 Painting of pattern
from ceiling Pallava, 7th
century A D
Sittannavāsai

363 Painting of lotus in
bloom, Pāndya, 9th century
A D , Sittannavāsai

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364 Painting of lotuses in bloom with fish, Pāndya, 9th century, A D , Sittannavāsai



The figure of the dancer with the left hand in the *danda* (rod) posture and the other, with the finger composing the *patākā* (banner) with the face slightly tilted and eyes turned in that direction, is as effective as in the case of Natarāja in usual *bhujahga-trāsita* (scared by snake) posture. The disposition of the hands in the mode of *bhujahga-trāsita* is repeated in the Chola mode of the dance of Śiva as in the famous example in metal from Tiruvarāṅgulam. The charm and combination of the *danda* and *patākā-hastas* is judged by the same combination occurring in the main figure of the panel of a dance scene from Barabudur where the figure is exactly portrayed like this.

The other danseuse on a pillar with the left hand stretched out in joy (*mattalli*) and the right in *patākā*, with the entire body swaying in lovely flexion necessarily reminds one of the charming juvenile dance figures of Bālakrishna and Bālasubrahmanya merrily capering in sheer joy. The elaborate coiffure with flowers and pearls and simple but effective ornamental decoration, along with the graceful figure itself composing this beautiful feminine theme, proclaim it a triumph of the Pāṇḍyan painter's brush.

The king and queen conversing with the Jaina monk, which has only partially survived is, nevertheless, a delightful royal portrait, which elaborates the highly technical perfection of the painter in portraiture, known in India by a special technical nomenclature *viddha-chitra*. The delightful crown of the prince and the effectively dressed coiffure of the queen perfectly match each other and are a contrast to the simple unadorned monk in front of them.

365 Painting of flowers in bloom, Pāndya, 9th century A D , Sittannavāśal



About the same time the Rāshtrakūtas had embellished with charming paintings the Jaina Indra-sabhā at Ellora. The surface of the ceiling and the walls is covered with painted murals giving a wealth of detail. These scenes illustrating Jaina texts and patterns including floral, animal and bird designs are of the ninth-tenth century. The painting of Bāhubali here is interesting for comparison with sculptural versions of this popular theme, an example of which is in this cave itself, and other similar ones known from elsewhere, of which the famous bronze of the same date in the Prince of Wales Museum is the most outstanding. Nowhere is the theme of Bāhubali, that suddenly took to asceticism and, stood in deep meditation, ant-hills with peeping reptiles growing on his legs and creepers entwining his body in wild growth, his sisters flanking him, better portrayed. However, among these paintings there is one that arrests attention, the Dikpāla group—of Yama with his consort on a buffalo, preceded by and followed by members of his retinue and others on the same pattern—peeping out of a band from the ceiling. It is just not possible to resist the temptation of comparing this with the charming portrayal of similar theme also from a ceiling of a temple at Hemāvati now in the Madras Museum clearly revealing the sculptural approach to the same theme. The treatment of clouds, the wide open eyes of the figures and the beginning of stylisation not yet pronounced are specially noteworthy. The flying Vidyādhara with consorts amidst clouds, sailing along in the sky, in close embrace and affectionate fondling on the neck (*kanthāslesha*), as other godlings move in the air with offerings of flowers in their hands in *pushpapūta*, the hands gathered together as a cup to hold flowers, dwarf Ganas with their hands raised and brought together in adoration (*añjali*), while others blow the conch and yet others clasp their hands in tune with the celestial music that fills the air, are a delightful creation of the painter's brush. These are probably mostly of the only remains of the painter's work of this period of art during the hegemony of the Rāshtrakūtas, one of the greatest powers in the Deccan, due to the

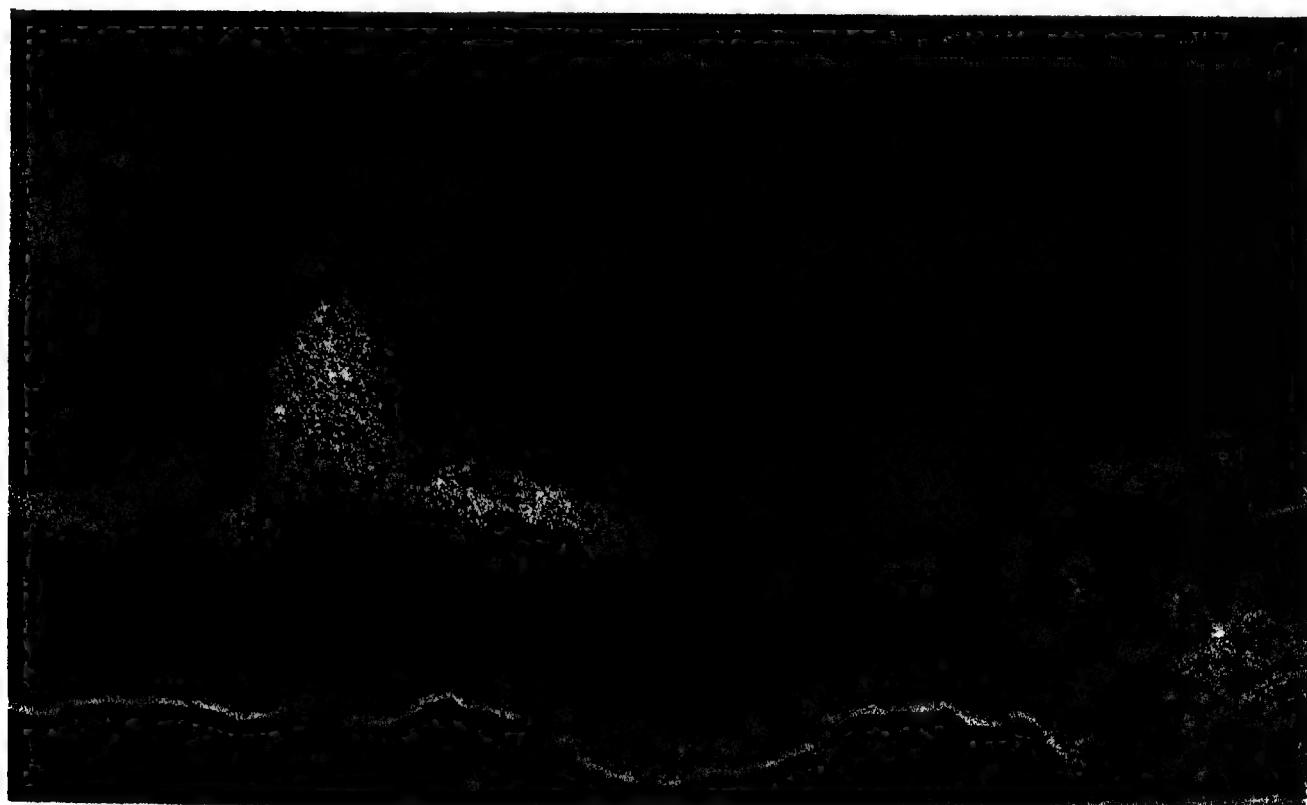
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366 Lotuses in bloom with
duck and fish Pāndya 9th
century A D
Sittannavāsai

367 Duck with floriated
tail Pāndya 9th century
A D Sittannavasai



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368. Fish and duck in pool
Pāndya 9th century A D ,
Sittannavāsai

devotion to Jainism in some of the monarchs and the eclectic spirit of even the others wedded to the Hindu faith as well as their innate enthusiasm in fostering the cause of art

The Cholas, whose power was dimmed for a few centuries before they again came to power in the ninth century under Vijayālaya, were tolerant kings, who served all the faiths alike, with a special predilection for their own, Śaivism. Rājarāja the famous imperial architect of the imposing tower of the Rājarājeśvara temple, whose taste for art got him the appellation *Nityavinoda* (always rejoicing in art), was equally a great patron of Jainism and Buddhism as can be seen from his munificent gifts to those faiths. His sister Kundavai, as already noticed, was responsible for building and endowing some Jain temples. The Chola paintings in the Jain monuments, however, belong to a date later than those of Nārtāmalai, which are of the earliest phase of Chola art. The paintings and carvings at Tirumalai and Tirupparuttikkunram are an interesting study, the former coming midway between Vijayanagara and Chola styles representing the last phase of Chola art. The groups of Kalpavāsi-devas in the Lakshmīvara *mandapa*, painted on the brick walls of the outer-most chamber on the ground floor composing the earliest painted layer, are pleasing figures, though with a tendency towards stylisation of a later style and bejewelled in prolific exuberance and with large open eyes. The second painted layer is nearer the Vijayanagara mode.

Almost about this time the Hoysalas were emerging as a great power under Bittideva or Bittiga, the famous Jain ruler who, converted by

Rāmānuja and assuming the name Vishnuvardhana, built some of the most beautiful temples of which those at Belūr and Halebidu make Hoysala art so famous. The king, though converted, was catholic in spirit and, with his queen Śāntalā, dedicated yet to the faith of the Tīrthaṅkaras, not unlike the princesses of the Ikshvāku family devoted to Buddhism along with their consorts of the Brāhmanical faith, served the cause of both, with his predilection for the Vaiṣṇava and a friendly approach to Jainism. The ministers and generals of Vishnuvardhana like Gaṅgarāja and Hulli Dandanāyaka were devoted followers of the Jaina faith. Though for a long time there has been no trace of any paintings of the Hoysala phase found anywhere, it is a great good fortune that some time ago specimens of paintings of the Hoysalas on large palm leaf manuscripts in glowing colours were found preserved in the manuscripts library of the temple in Moodbidri. These have been preserved for centuries with utmost care at this pontifical seat as objects of worship, and comprise the commentaries of versions known as *Dhavalā*, *Jaya-dhavalā* and *Mahā-dhavalā* or *Mahā-bandha* of the original text of the *Shatkhandāgama*. The *Dhavalā*, *Jaya-dhavalā* and *Mahā-dhavalā* preserve the surviving portions of the original Jaina canons of twelve *aṅgas* according to Digambara tradition. The *Dhavalā* is the commentary on the *Shatkhandāgama*, where the story of the composition of the latter is narrated in the introductory portion. The teachings of Mahāvīra arranged into twelve *aṅgas* by his pupil Indrabhūti Gautama were handed down by oral tradition but were neglected to such an extent that they had to be revived. Gunadhara of the first century B.C. and Dharasena of the first century A.D. were two *āchāryas* who preserved whatever was available of the teaching of Mahāvīra in their respective works on Jaina *Karman* philosophy known as the *Kashāya-pāhuda* and *Shatkhandāgama*. The last of the series of commentaries on the *Shatkhandāgama* was the *Dhavalā*. Its author Virasena also wrote the commentary of the *Kashāya-pāhuda* known as the *Jaya-dhavalā*. The date of the *Dhavalā* is 894 A.D., during the time of the Rāshtrakūṭa king Amoghavarsha I. It is my esteemed friend Shri Chhotelal Jain, who drew my attention to these illustrated manuscripts and so kindly arranged for their loan for a manuscripts exhibition at the National Museum in 1964 when they were first made known to the world.

The palaeography closely resembles that of the lithic as well as the copper plate inscriptions of Vishnuvardhana's time. The paintings of exquisite quality in bright colours and sinuous lines, drawn with a sure and unswerving hand, almost suggesting the delicacy of feminine stroke as described by the Viśūshaka in the *Viddhasālābhāṅgikā* *idam hi paurandhram avaimi karma rekhāniveśo'tra yad ekadhārah*, are surely the most valuable survivals of the quality of painting of Vishnuvardhana's time, bright in colour, rich in composition, perfect in technique and pleasing in execution. The flowery hand of writing on the metal plates from the Belūr temple should be compared with the similar writing composing the text of these manuscripts. The paintings must be assigned to the time of Vishnuvardhana whose queen Śāntalā must have been the patron to get such exquisite paintings created by the best painters of her realm whose ardent admirer and liberal patroness she should have been with her reputation as a great scholar and benefactor of art.

These paintings are on unusually large palm leaves, and are important both for the beauty of the letters composing the text and the illustrations that accompany it. Two of the leaves, with letters rather thickened, with a greater delicacy than in the rest, with a soft tone reducing all effects of contrast in colours and with outlines drawn in very pleasing proportions,

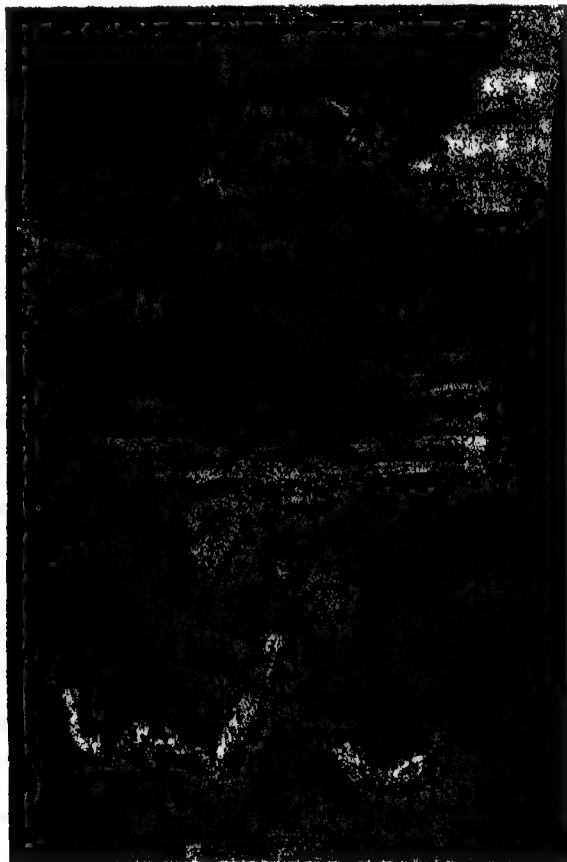
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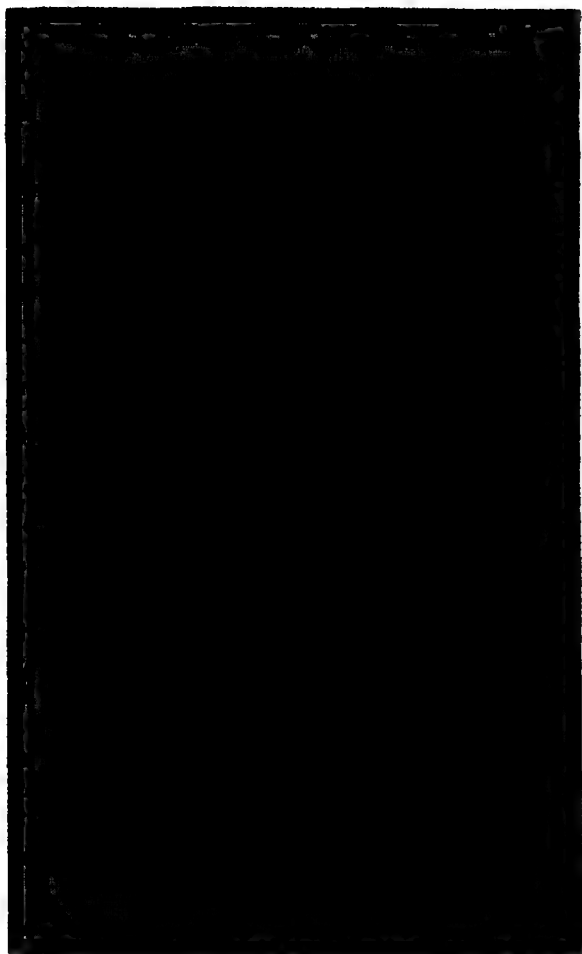
369 Whole row of duck
with floriated tail Hovsala
12th century A D Belur

370 Prince and Princess
and monk Pāndya 9th
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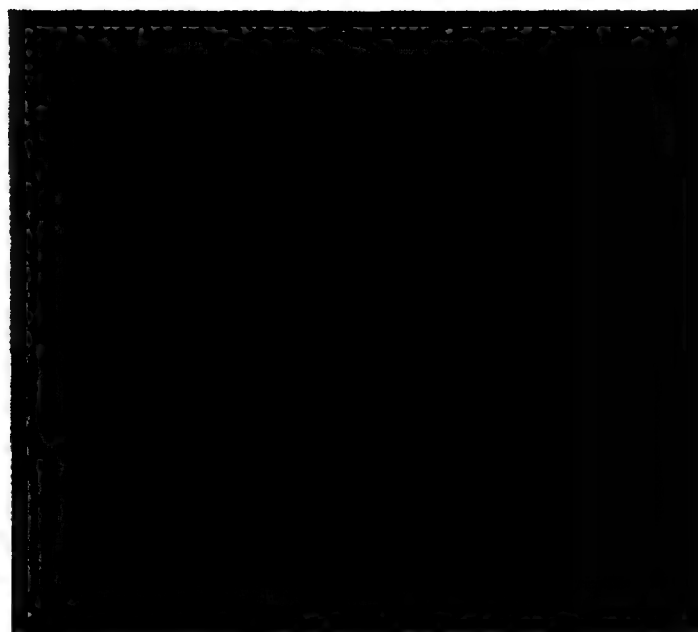
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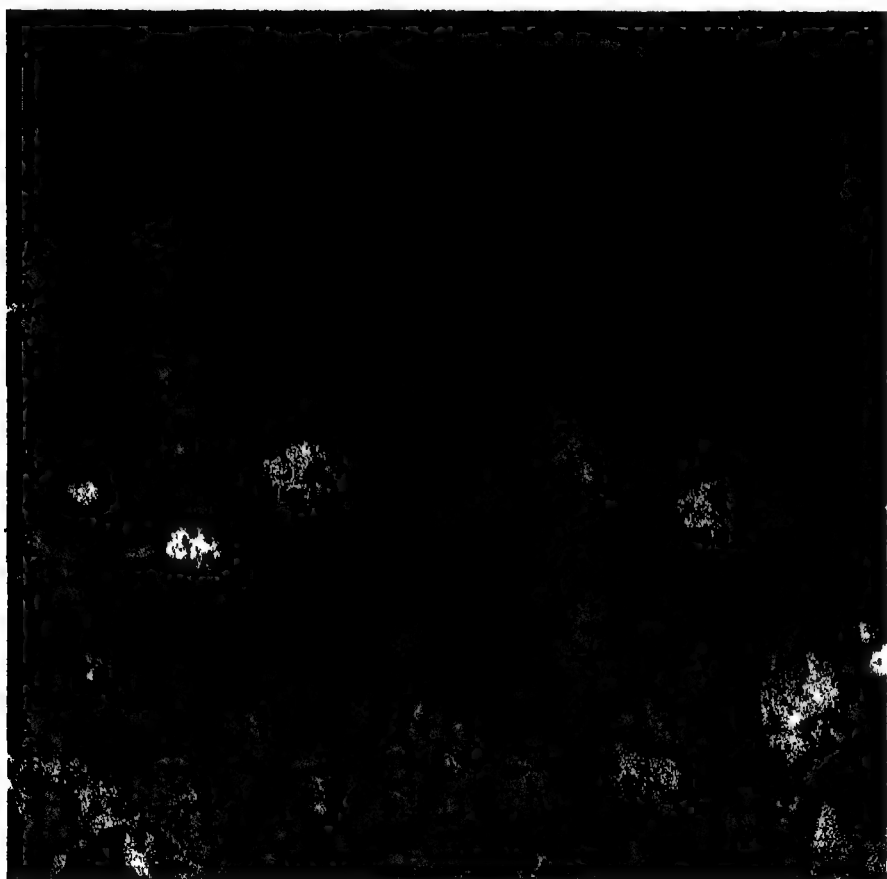


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372 Dancer with head and
hands preserved, Pāndya
9th century A D ,
Sittannavāśal

373. Dancer with head and
hands thrown up in glee,
Pāndya, 9th century A D .
Sittannavāśal

374. Lotus-gatherers,
Pāndya, 9th century A D ,
Sittannavāśal

appear to be the earliest among the paintings. This manuscript of the *Dhavalā* is dated 1113 A D. There is here a painting of Kālī, the Yakshī of Supārśvanātha in fair complexion, contrary to her name. Her vehicle the bull is present. The flexion of her body and the sinuous lines composing the figure are remarkable. The devotees on one side, probably royal devotees including the king, the queen and the prince, are drawn and painted with great delicacy. These figures occur towards the end of the leaves. We should not miss this opportunity to compare these portraits with the sculptural versions of Vishnuvardhana and his queen repeated in two sculptured panels at Belūr. The central paintings here on both the leaves are of a standing and seated Tirthankara, Mahāvīra. It is indeed difficult to handle a figure so simple as that of a Tirthankara figure in the nude. The painter handicapped ever so much has yet made the figures truly artistic creations and most pleasing from the aesthetic point of view. The elaborate seat, with *makara*-decorated back and rearing lions, is beautifully matched by the *chaurī*-bearers on either side in pleasing proportions and flexions. The Nāgapaṭṇinam Buddha, with Nāgarāja *chaurī*-bearers flanking the Master, an early Chola triumphant work in metal, cannot but flash the memory and recall how well this painting resembles this Buddhist masterpiece in another medium. At another end of the leaf there is Ajita, the Yaksha of Pushpadanta and a pair of seated devotees. The other painting is almost monochrome. It has nevertheless the complete effect of a great painting rich in colour as the painter has brought out the effect of volume with great mastery.

There are so many other leaves among which one end of a leaf presents Pārśvanātha with snake-hoods over his head, seated on a lion throne, *chaurī*-bearers flanking him, Dharanendra Yaksha on one side and Padmāvatī Yakshī on the other. One end of another leaf presents Śrutadevī in the centre with female *chaurī*-bearers on either side, in pleasing flexion, drawn with elegance and ease, the stance, the coiffure, the turn of the face, the twist of the neck, the crossing of the legs, are all very elegant. A painting almost similar, and equally effective, is towards the end of another leaf. In the same style has been presented the theme of Bāhubali, who as he was fighting his brother with all his might developed an ascetic spirit and turned a saint then and there, allowing creepers to grow and entwine his legs. His sisters are shown in attendance on either side. It recalls the panel at Ellora depicting great delicacy the same theme in sculptural elegance. The painting here is an effective presentation. A popular theme, it was so much in the thought of the craftsman, that it grew with his admiration for it and became the outstanding colossus at Sravanabelagola in stone as at Kārkala, and in metal shaped itself as the well-known exquisite example in the Prince of Wales Museum.

Yakshī Ambikā is the most popular of her class in the Jaina pantheon and equally so in art. She is here presented seated under a mango tree with her two children playing with her lion, the elder one enjoying a ride on the animal while the younger is closer to his mother. The theme of devotees adoring Pārśvanātha and Supārśvanātha is presented in a very simple fashion, as the subject does not lend itself to greater elaboration. Themes, however, more pleasing and better suited for aesthetic representation like Mātanga Yaksha with his vehicle, the elephant, sitting majestically, its head definitely lifted up, the whole picture arranged artistically between two trees, interesting not only for their charming treatment but also for their stylised patterns. The Yakshis like Mahāmānasī with her swan and Yaksha Ajita on his tortoise are all, along with Śrutadevī accompanied by her peacock, delightful artistic creation in these leaves of manuscripts from Moodbidri brightened by the painter's

375. Lotus-gatherers,
Pandya 9th century A D
Sittannavāsai

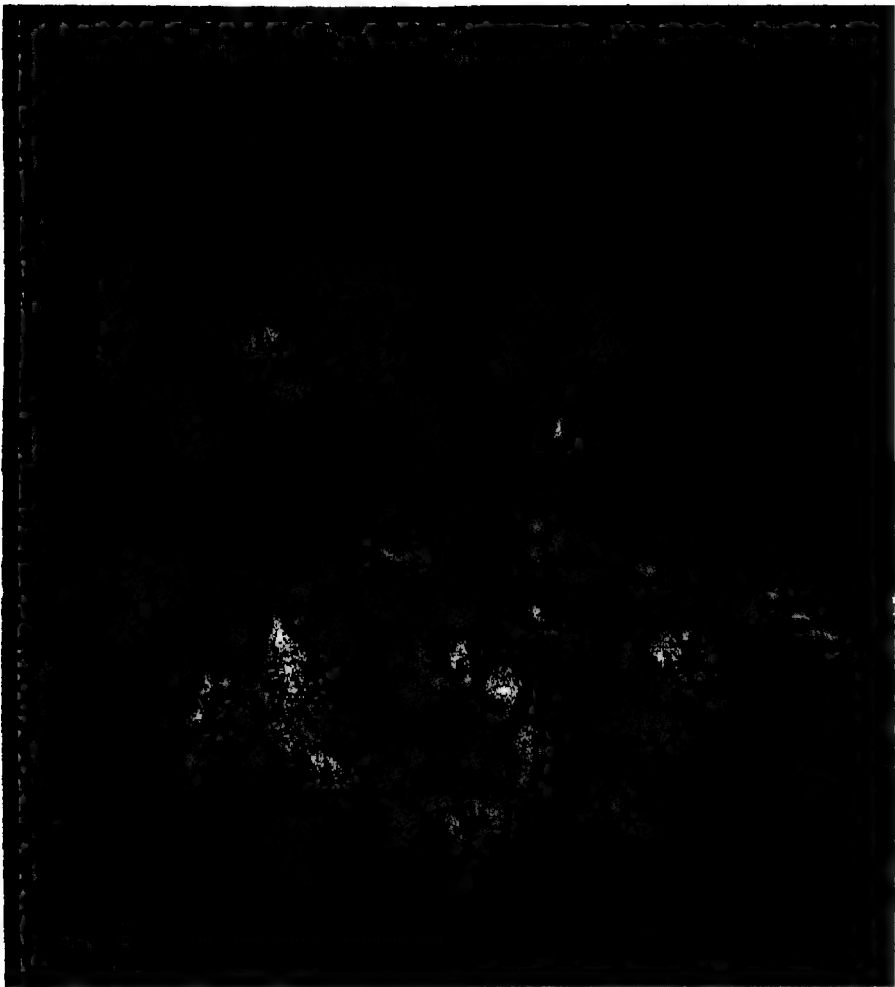


colourful brush. The floriated tail of the bird and the delineation of the contours of the figures reflect not only the great artistic taste but also the creative talent of the Hoysala painter who not a whit lags behind the greatest creator of the sculptural glory of Hoysala art.

Even the borders in these manuscripts are prepared with great elegance. One has to search in vain for a repetition of a pattern among the innumerable floral patterns painted on ever so many different leaves. They not only arrest the attention by the high quality of their design but make one wonder how fertile has been the mind and imagination of the art-minded in the Hoysala court.

In 1335 A D. Harihara, Kampa and Bukka, sons of Saṅgama, established the Vijayanagara empire, which grew to be the dominant power in the South. Achyutadevarāya, a noble sovereign whose glory greatly impressed the Persian envoy Abdul Razaak, ruled in the first half of the fifteenth century. The empire was created as a bulwark against Islamic invasions for the propagation and firm establishment of Hindu ideals, being blessed and reinforced with strength and vigour by the great sage Vidyātirtha. A new impetus was given to temple building, and in the large empire, all over the territory now occupied by Āndhra, Karnāṭaka, Drāviḍa, Kerala and Mahārāshtra and even parts of Orissa, there was followed a policy of great vision and religious tolerance. The Vijayanagara style of architecture, sculpture and painting was forged and fused various elements of Chālukya and Chola art. It is however the Drāviḍa element that predominated. It was thus a continuation of the early Chola and late Pāndya traditions combining, to some extent, in the Canarese and Telugu districts, Chālukya traditions, that earlier had firm roots there.

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376 Flying Vidyadharas
group from ceiling
Rāshtrakuta 9th century
A D Cave 32, Ellora

377 Flying Vidyadharas
against the trailing clouds
in the sky Rāshtrakuta 9th
century A D Cave 32
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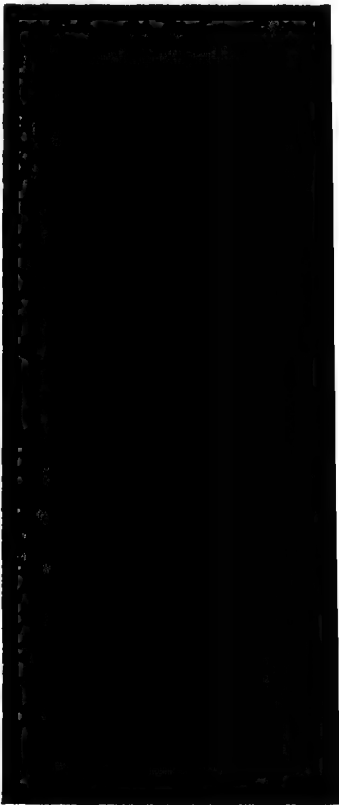
378. Bahubali from
Indrasabhā, colour
painting Rāshtrakuta 9th
century A D Cave 32
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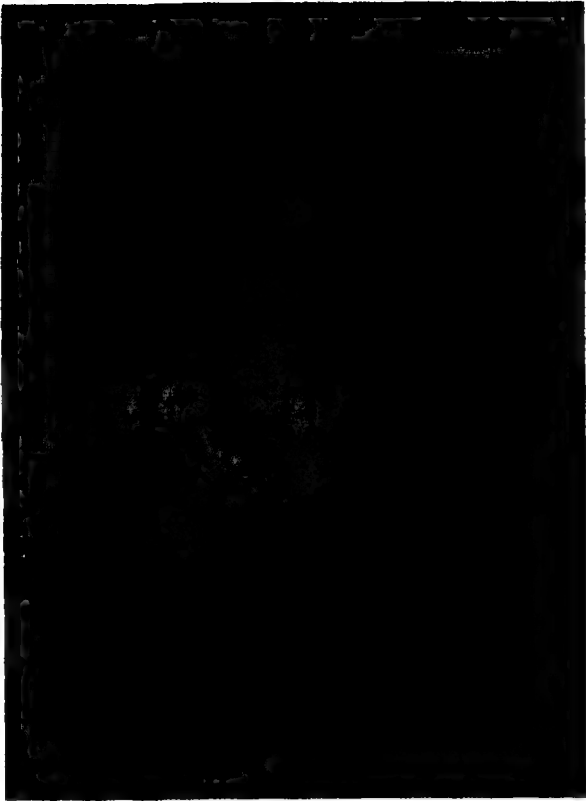
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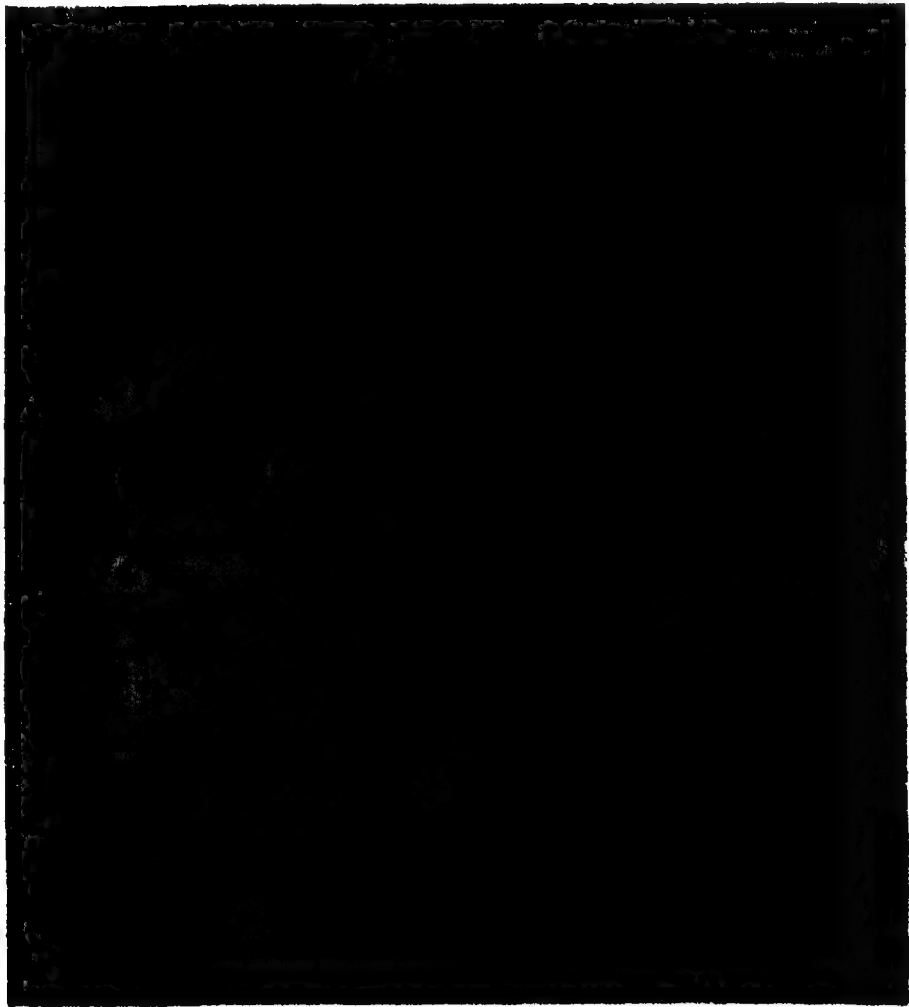
379. Flying Vidyādhara,
Rāshtrakūṭa, 9th century
A D Cave 32, Ellora

380 Flying Vidyādhara,
magnificent group



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Successive Vijayanagara rulers fostered Jainism as well as other faiths with great catholicity. In fact there is an inscription which mentions how Achyutarāya, to settle among quarrelling faiths, brought the chiefs of the Vaishnava and the Jaina sects together in his court and respectfully made them join hands in friendship, for mutually understanding and respecting each other's faith. The greatest building activity and the beautifying of the temples with sculptures and painting continued during a long period of nearly four hundred years from the fourteenth century. How deeply impressed even the European travellers of the time in India were with the colourful murals in the temples and palaces and homes of the noblemen of the day is seen in the accounts left by those like the famous Portuguese traveller Paes, who visited the Vijayanagara capital and showered praise on the painter's art. This is no exaggeration, as it is very well-known that emperor Krishnadevarāya, himself a poet and artist, was a great patron of literature and art, being credited with the construction of more *gopuras* than he could have even completed, almost like the legendary achievement of Aśoka, credited with the construction of eightyfour thousand *stūpas*.

The Vijayanagara empire represents the last great phase of Indian history and culture. Painting, like every other art, was encouraged during this time and there are innumerable temples all over south India with paintings representing this period. There are fragments of paintings at Anegundi, near Hampī, in the temples at Tādpatrī, Kāñchīpuram, Kālahastī, Tirupati, Tiruvannāmalai, Chidambaram, Tiruvālūr, Kumbakonam, Śrīraṅgam and other places, belonging both to the Vijayanagara and to the Nāyaka periods. Like these innumerable paintings, the Jaina paintings have also a great place, particularly at Tirupparuttikkunram, in close proximity to Kāñchīpuram, noteworthy for its Jaina temples. A whole series of paintings decorate the ceilings of the large *gopuras* and walls of the temple here. Those of the *saṅgūa-mandapa* of the Vardhamāna temple are specially noteworthy from the point of view of Jaina themes in Vijayanagara art. Some of these paintings belong to an earlier phase preceding the later ones by a couple of centuries. Though fragments, these earlier ones, are nevertheless extremely interesting not only for the point of view of the themes that they illustrate but also because of the special place they occupy in the study of painting of this period. As the *mandapa* was itself built by Irugappa, minister of Bukkarāya II and a devoted follower of the Jaina faith, these paintings illustrate the painter's craft towards the end of the fourteenth century. The themes chosen are from the life of Vardhamāna. Here is the nativity-scene showing Priyākārinī giving birth to Tīrthānkara Vardhamāna. Scenes of child-birth are most interesting in south India, both in painting and sculpture and in wood-carving, the last particularly in Kerala, where the *Rāmāyana* theme provides the birth of the four princes in picturesque fashion, as for instance, from the seventeenth century carved frieze under the eaves of a derelict temple from Quilon preserved in the Madras Museum. A comparative study, therefore, of the birth scenes is indeed interesting in itself. The birth and anointment ceremony of the child by Saudharmendra accompanied by his wife Śachī painted with elegance is quite typical in every respect of the form, deportment, ornamentation and decoration of the period. Saudharmendra's dance before Vardhamāna, with his legs crossed in *pādusvastika*, the usual mode of rejoicing on the birth of the superhuman child, is equally interesting.

The battle of Tallikota shook the roots of the Vijayanagara empire, which was completely weakened, enabling the vassal kings, generals and chieftains to assume importance and even throw off the nominal allegiance to a weak sovereign at the capital. For some time however the

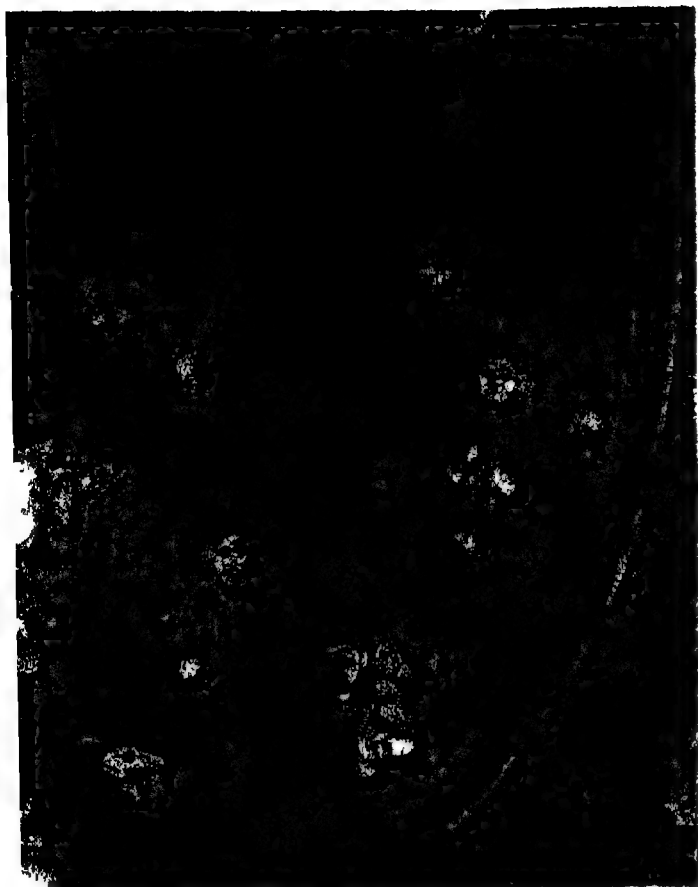
381. Lotus-gatherers,
Pāndya, 9th century A D ,
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Nāyaka kings were loyal to the titular Vijayanagara emperor. Slowly, however, the very helplessness of the sovereign made it impossible for the chieftains to exist except by declaring their strength and independence. Among such kings in the South, the Nāyakas, Raghunātha Nāyaka of Tañjāvur, and Tirumala Nāyaka of Madurai are most important. They are among the most famous and they fostered in their courts art and literature as did Vijayanagara sovereigns earlier. The Nāyaka phase of art in massive sculpture, and picturesque paintings with tremendous vitality and force, are probably the last flicker of a great art that was on the verge of collapse.

In the *saṅgita-mandapa* at Tirupparuttikkunram, the outer one nearest the main shrine, depicting the earlier phase of fourteenth century Vijayanagara art, is now followed by paintings of later date, some of the sixteenth century and the latest ones of the seventeenth century. These are in conformity with the Nāyaka style that is preserved all over in south India. Scenes from the life of Rishabhadeva, the first Tīrthāṅkara, of Vardhamāna, of Krishna, the cousin of the Tīrthāṅkara Neminātha, as well as the life of Neminātha himself are all graphically portrayed in a long series, with elaborate labels painted in Tamil explaining each incident clearly. This process of labelling each episode becomes a usual feature as may be observed in every painting at Chidambaram, Tiruvālūr, etc. Even in temple hangings this method of painting the labels becomes a regular

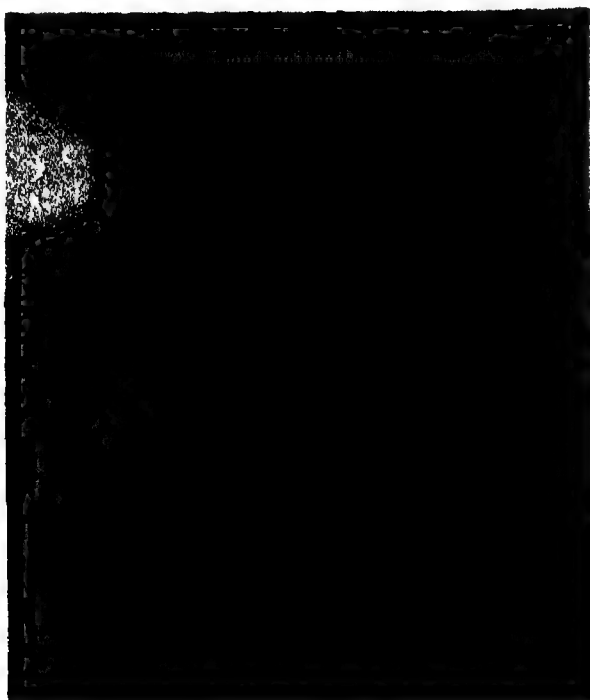
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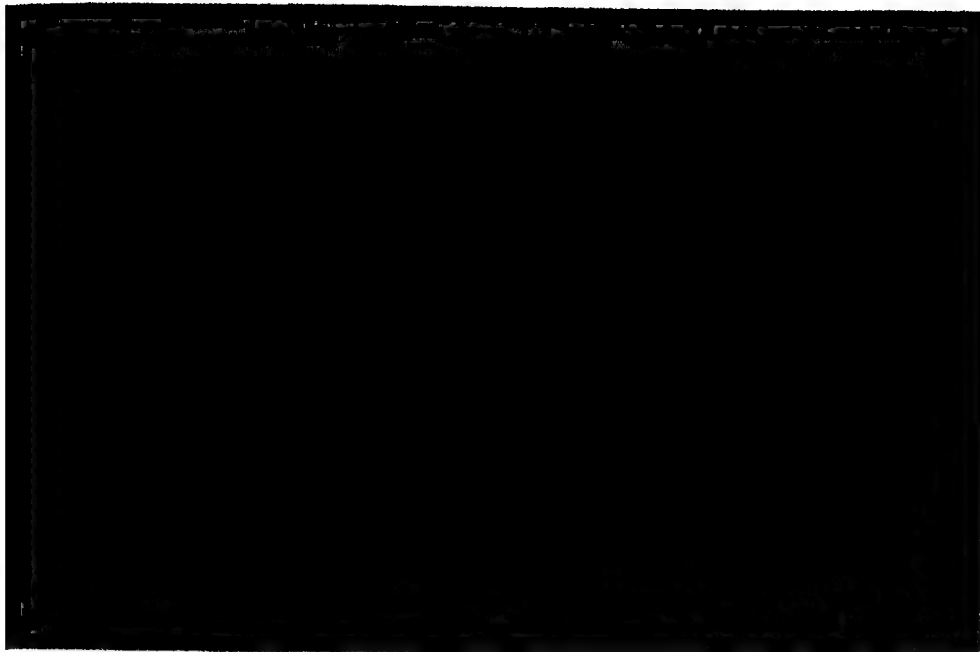


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382. Samavasarana detail
on ceiling, Vijayanagara,
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384. Dvārapāla,
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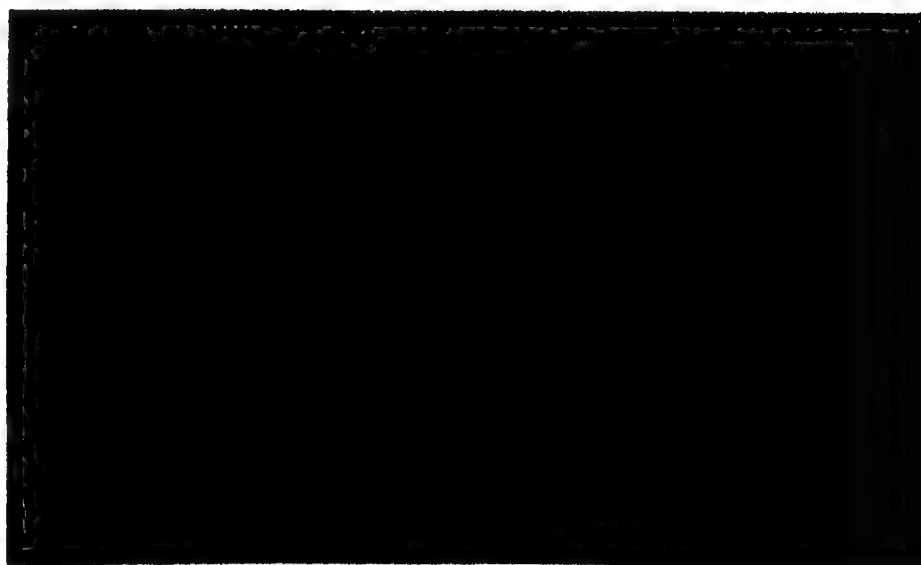
385. Kālī from manuscript painting, Hoysala 12th century A D , Moodbidri



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386. Vishnuvardhana and his queen Sāntalā in devotional attitude seated with attendant, manuscript painting, Hoysala, 12th century A D Moodbidri

387 Seated Tirthankara Mahāvīra, Hoysala, 12th century A D , manuscript painting, Moodbidri



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388 Dancer with the head
and hands preserved
Pāndya, 9th century A D
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389. Dancer with hand
thrown up in glee, Pāndya,
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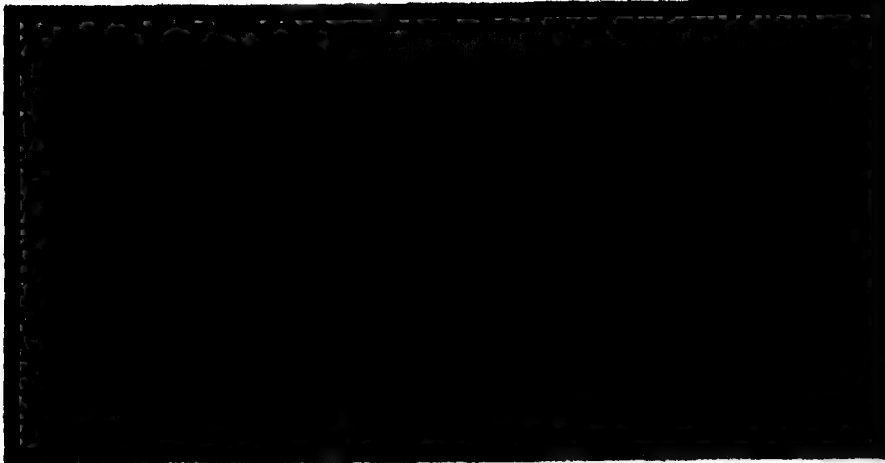


practice. In the well-known *Yamapata* from Cuḍḍapah of this period, which has its own long tradition from the earliest times all over India, as well as in the coronation of Yudhishtira of the same school, the legend is in Telugu in the script of the time, they are both interesting for comparison, as well as to observe this feature of labelling, which has continued in India for a couple of millennia, the earliest ones noticed at Bhārhut, with explanations in early Brāhmī script in Prākṛit. In the story of the *bālalīlās* of Kṛishna related Baladeva receiving the newborn baby, crossing the Yamunā and giving the child to Nandagopa, the juvenile sports, Kṛishna killing the various *Asuras*, Śakata, Dhenuka, etc., the uprooting of the *Yamala*-trees as he crawled along, pulling the mortar to which he was chained, and so forth, a whole group of cows, cowherds and milkmaids are all graphically portrayed in a long series, colourful, absorbing in their interest and dramatically following one another in successive narration of story. Several incidents from the life of Rishabhadeva, Vardhamāna and Neminātha are also portrayed along with their descriptive labels, depicting how the *Devas* reminded Rishabhadeva that it was time to renounce the world to proceed for *dikshā*, how Kachchha, Mahākachchha and others deeply devoted to him, also tried to renounce but were unable to bear the intense cold and pangs of hunger and returned to their clothes and food, how Nami and Vinami pleaded with Rishabhadeva in deep contemplation to give them their kingdom and how Dharanendra offered them the sovereignty of the Vidyādhara world, the first *charyā* of Rishabhadeva—all of them narrated at great length. Ramachandran in his book on the Tirupparuttikkunram temples has discussed elaborately not only the complete series of murals but also the elaborate labels that themselves form the most interesting text explaining the story. It is interesting to note the various customs, social modes, beliefs and faiths, ceremonies, religious functions, etc. in such depictions as the presentation of the *purna-kumbha* brimming pot with flowers and other objects as a welcome, music and dance, auguring a festivity or a celebration of an event—in depiction of which Indian painters have always worked with enthusiasm and excelled. Detailed description of the labels with their readings and an elaborate narration of the themes themselves has in no small measure contributed to a clear understanding of the text and the painter's mind.

A series of murals from Moodbidiri and Sravanabelagola, almost recalling the Nāyaka paintings in their form and style, have their own subtle variations which distinguish them as of the contemporary Mysore school, also a regional development from the late Vijayanagara phase of art. The guardians of the gateway are large and imposing while a series of smaller panels in successive rows depict the episodes from the lives of the immortal super-men, *mahāpurushas*, forming the theme of such narrations as in texts like *Trishashṭi-salākāpuruṣa-charita*.

The Nāyaka phase of art is almost the swan song of south Indian art which has had a glorious tradition in architecture, sculpture and equally so in a continuous series of murals depicting almost every century in peninsular India combining south India and the Deccan.





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390 Standing Tirthankara Mahāvīra, Hoysala, 12th century A D , manuscript painting, Moodbidri



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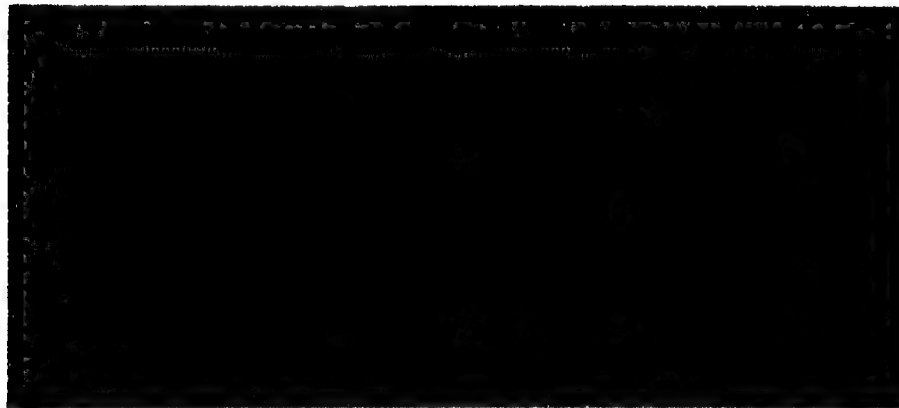
391 Yaksha Ajita, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Moodbidri

392 Pārśvanātha seated on lion throne flanked by Dharanendra and Padmavati, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Moodbidri



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393 Bāhubali flanked by
sisters, Hoysala, 12th
century A D , Moodbidri



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394. Śrutadevi flanked by
chauri-bearers, manuscript
painting, Hoysala, 12th
century A D , Moodbidri

395 Śrutadevi flanked by
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396 Paintings from
palm-leaf manuscript
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397 Yakshi Ambikā under mango tree with lion and children, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Moodbidri



398. Supārśvanātha flanked by devotees Hoysala, 12th century A D , Moodbidri

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399. Pārśvanātha, flanked by devotees, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Moodbidri

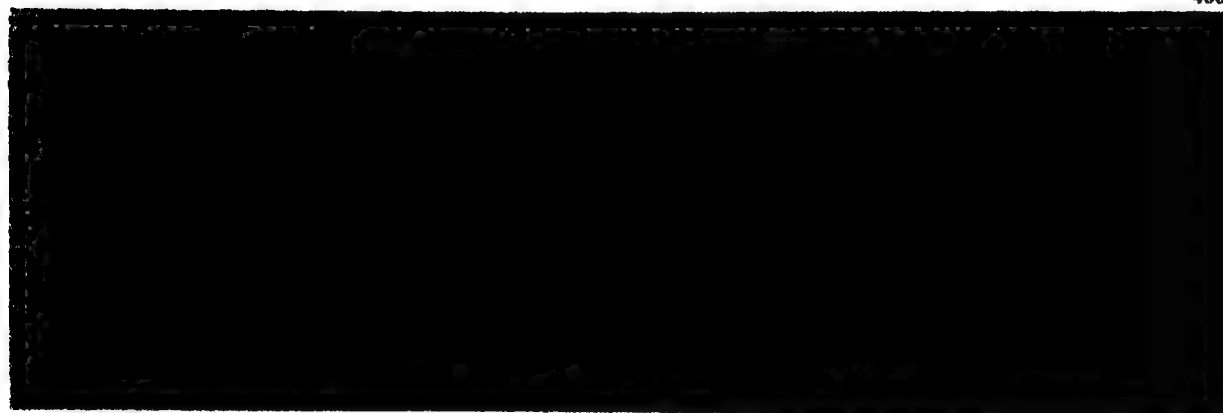
400 Floriated patterns of exquisite form, manuscript painting, Hoysala, 12th century A D , Moodbidri

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401. Mātanga Yaksha,
manuscript painting.
Hoysala, 12th century
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402 Śrutadevī with her
swan, manuscript painting.
Hoysala, 12th century
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403. Śrutadevī with her
swan, manuscript painting.
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404. Yakshi Mahāmānāsī
with swan and devotees
Hoysala, 12th century
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405. Tirthankara flanked
by devotees

406 Yaksha

407. Tirthankara with
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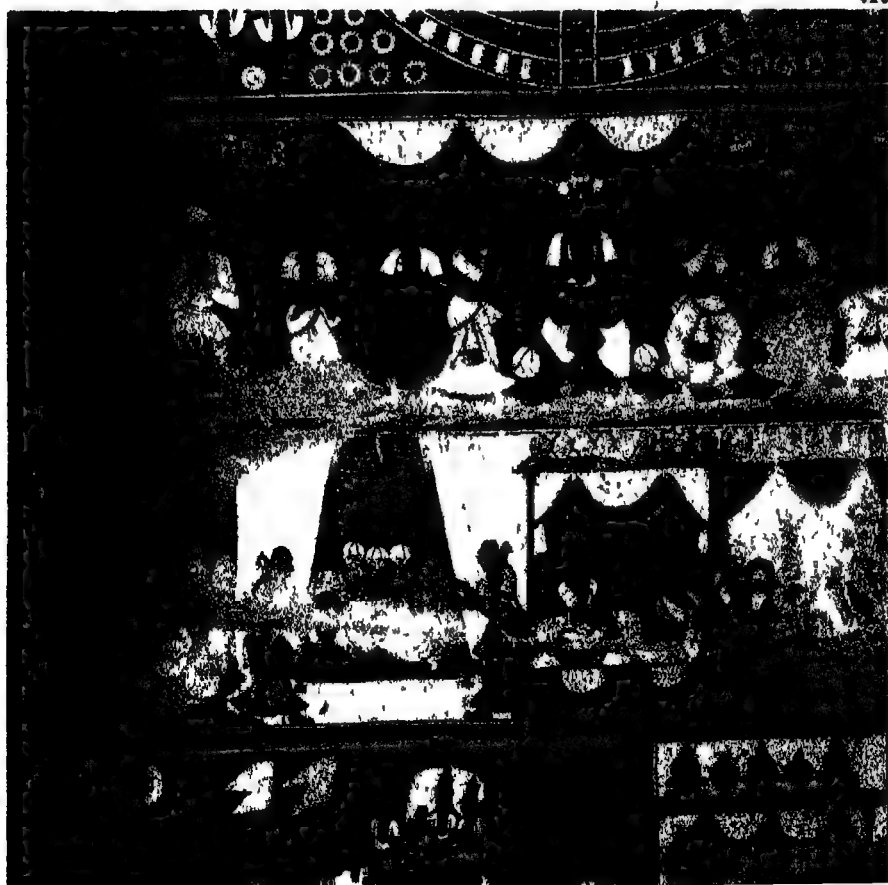
409. Earlier phase of painting scene of birth of child Vijayanagara, 15th century A D , Jinakāñchī, Tirupparuttikkunram

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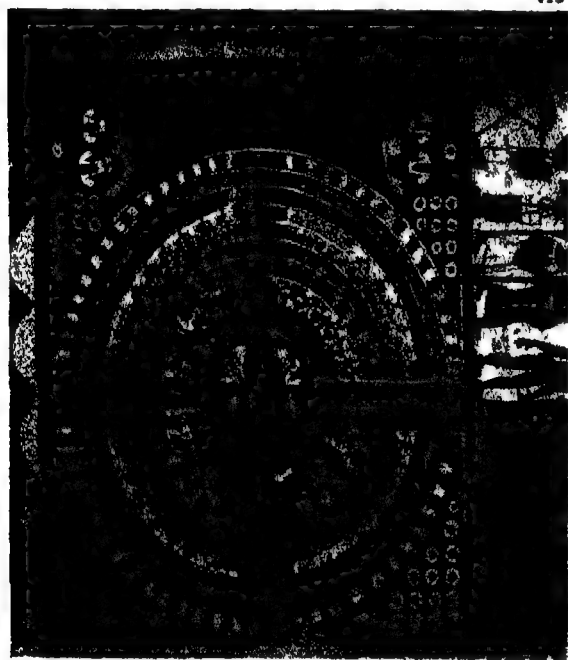
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411. Scenes from the life of Vardhamāna, 17th century A D , Tirupparuttikkunram

412. Bāla-līlā of Krishna Nayaka, 17th century A D , Tirupparuttikkunram

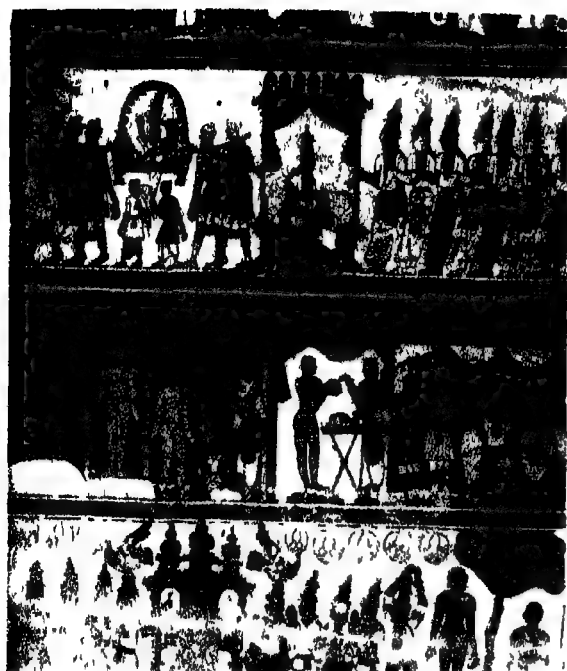
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416 Procession, Nāyaka, 17th century A D ,

417. Murals from Śravanabelagola, Maysore school, 17th-18th century A D



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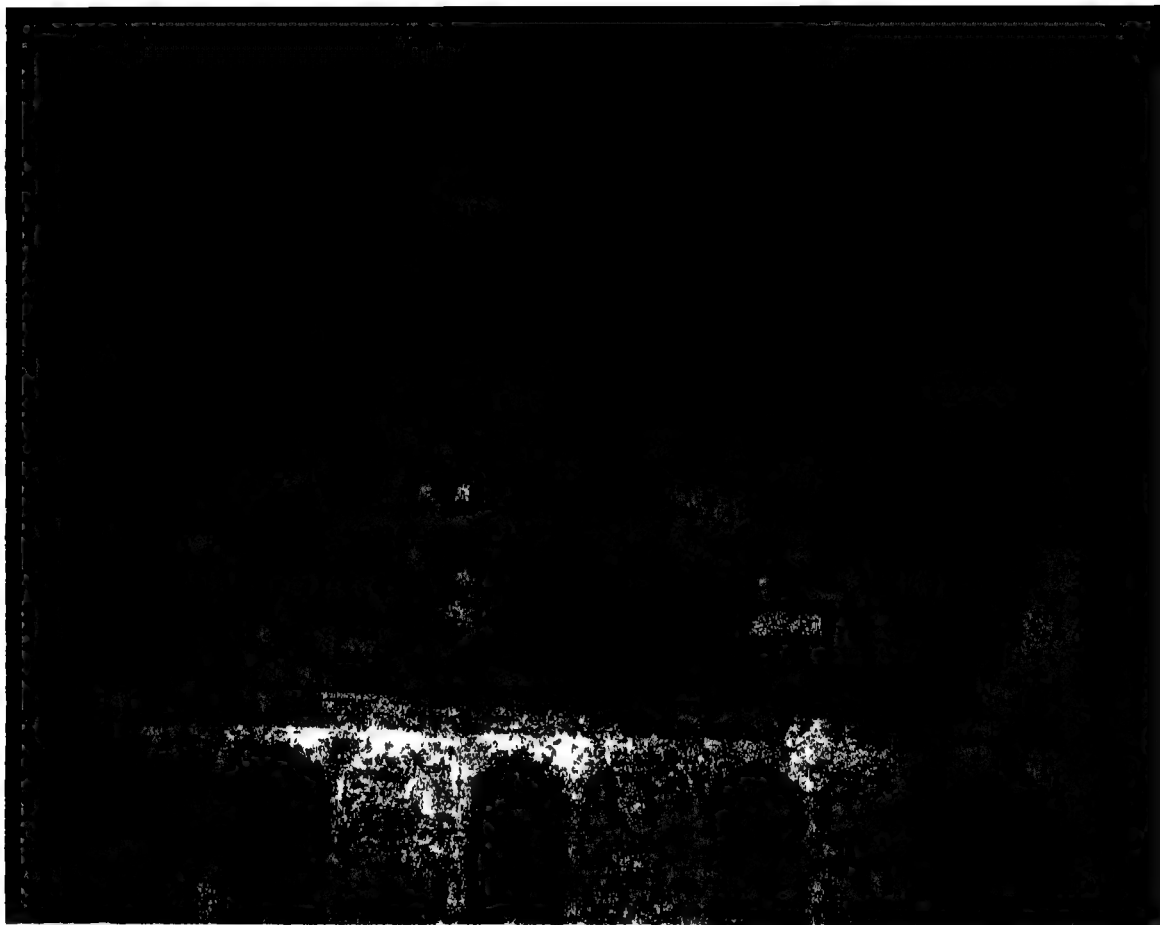


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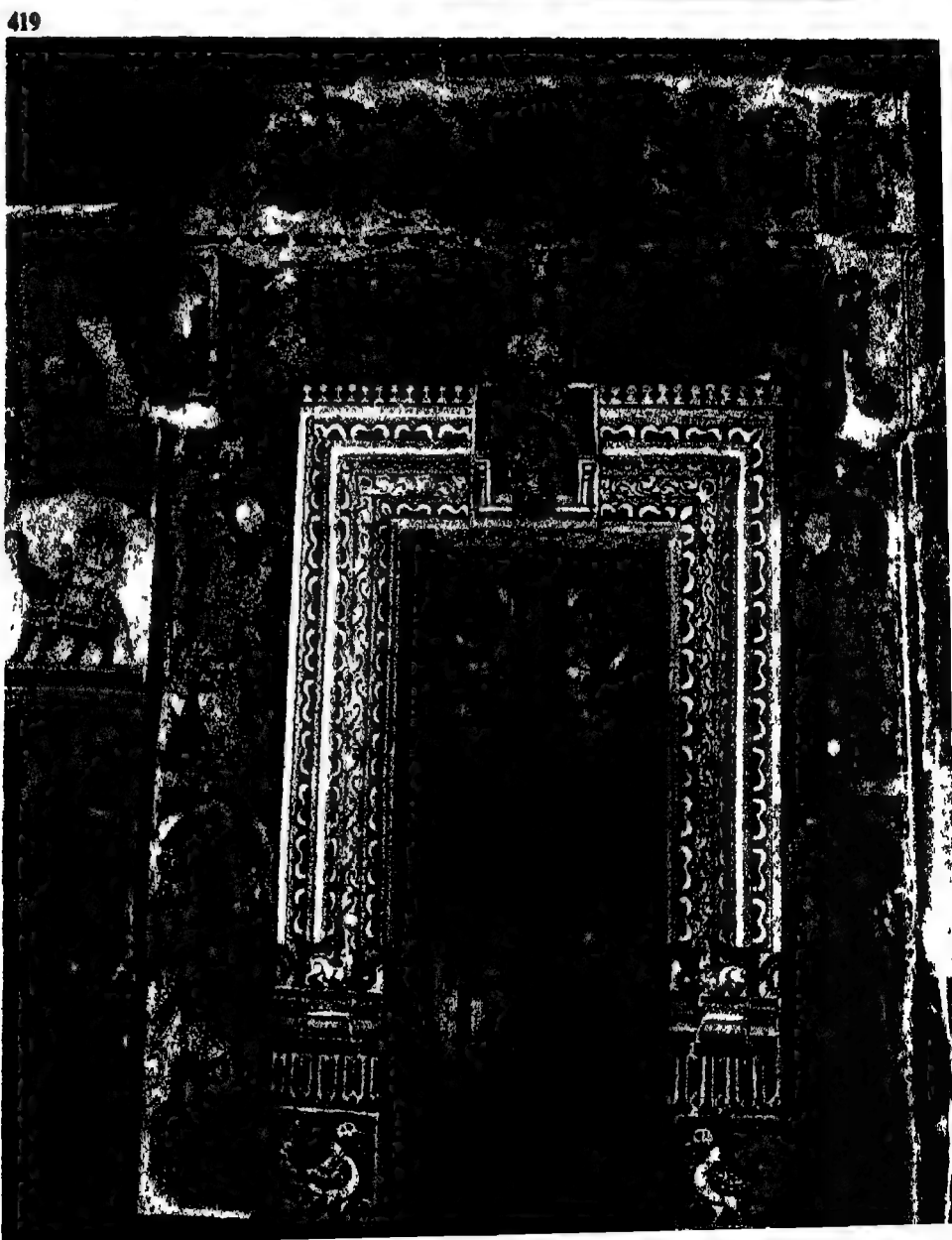
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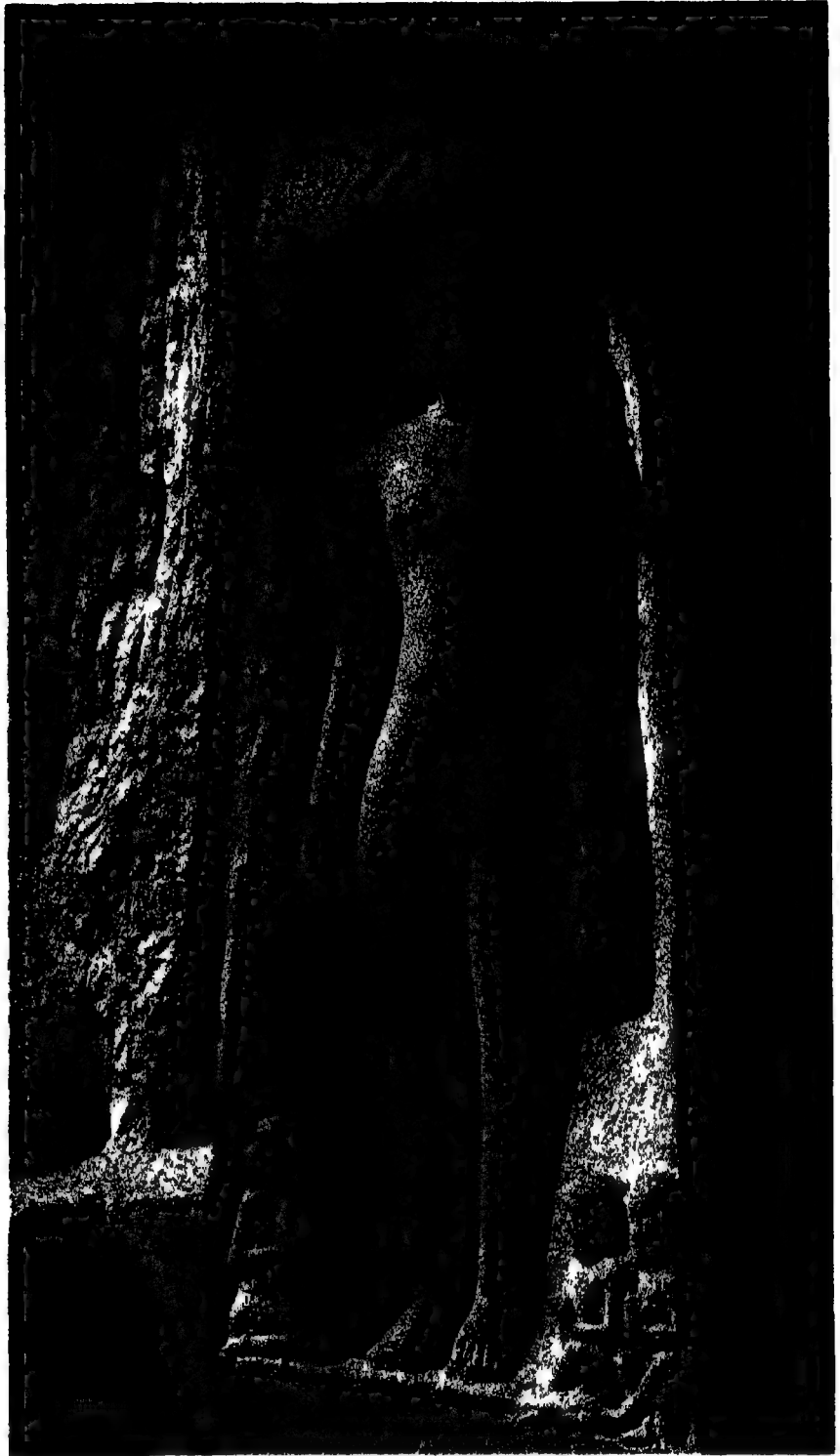
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418. Close up of a mural painting headed by Indra, Śravanabelagola

419. Doorway and murals on wall, 18th century A D , Śravanabelagola





420 Standing Tirthankara,
Rashtrakūta, 9th century
A D , Cave 32, Ellora

421 *Dvārapāla* close to
floriated fluted pillar,
Rāshtrakūṭa, 9th century
A D , Cave 32 Ellora

422. Pillared hall with
Pārsvanātha at the end,
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*Note the beautiful large
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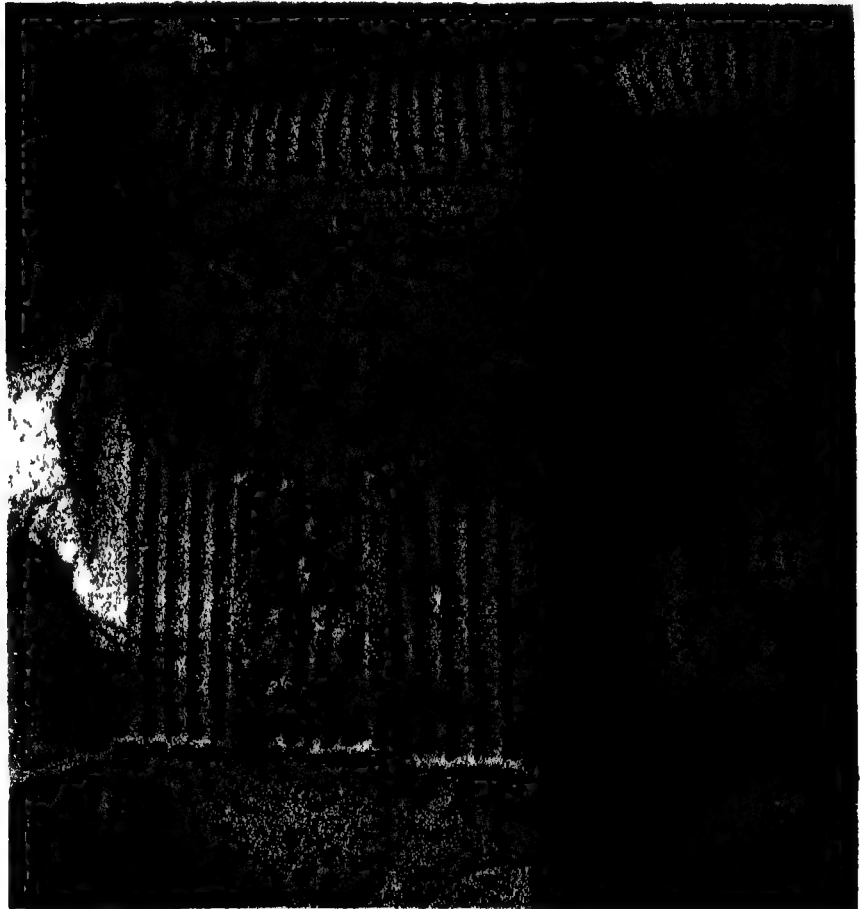
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423 Detail of floriated
fluted pillar, Rāshtrakūta,
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424. Floriated fluted pillar
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*Panel showing her
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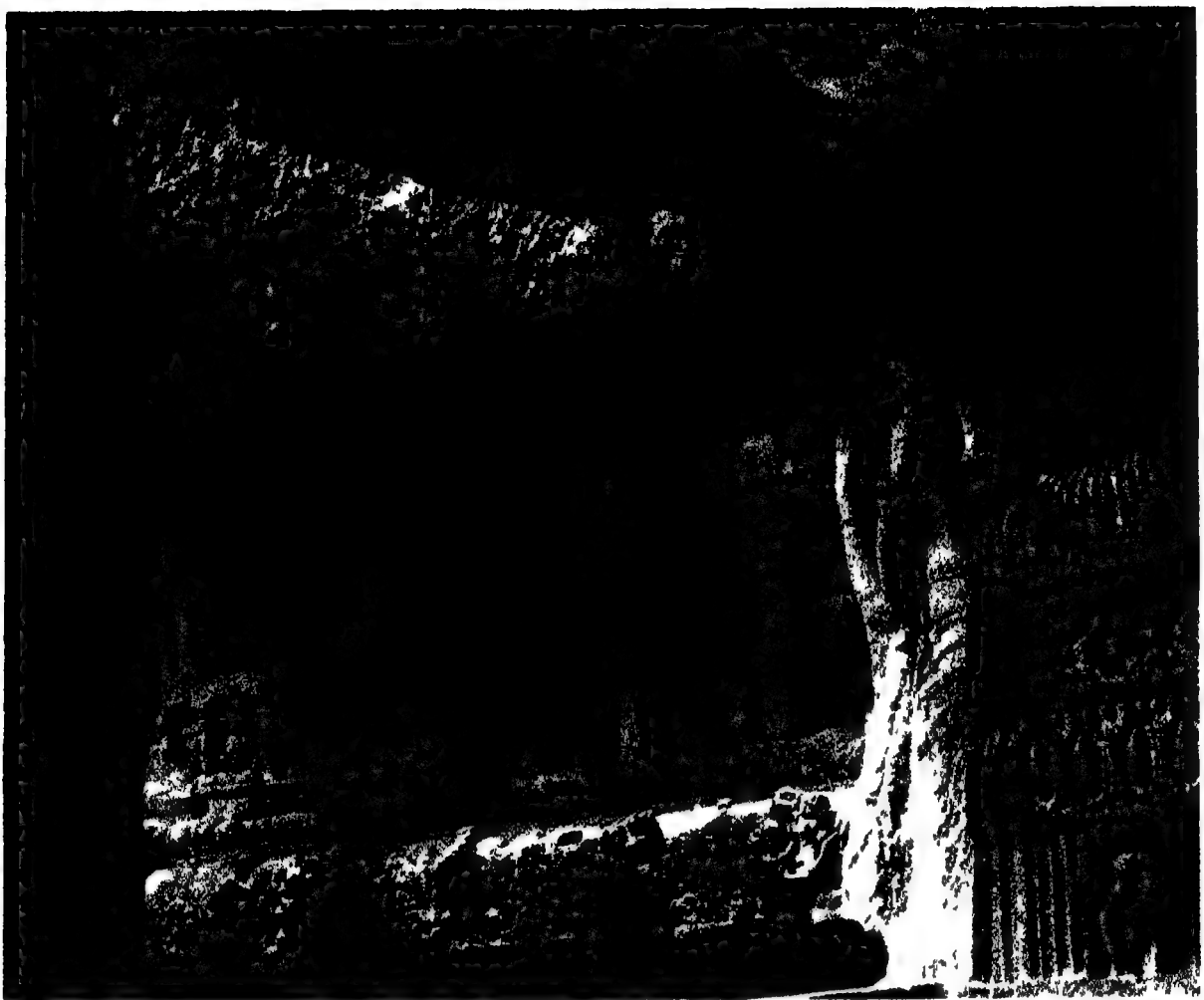
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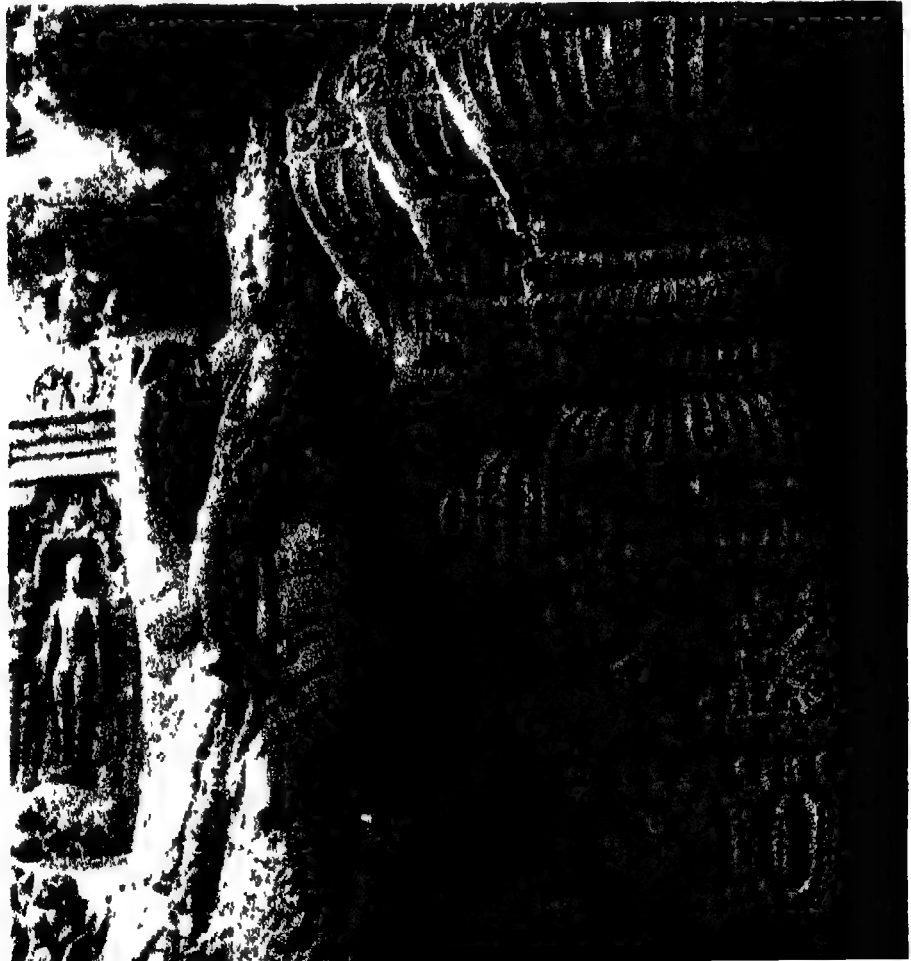


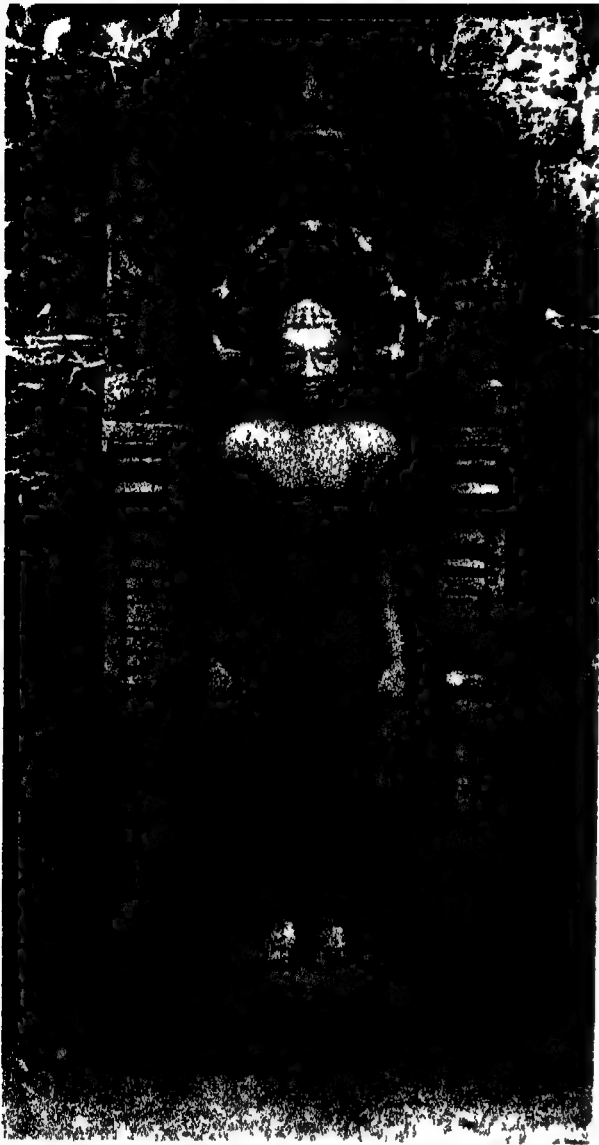
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427. An interior view,
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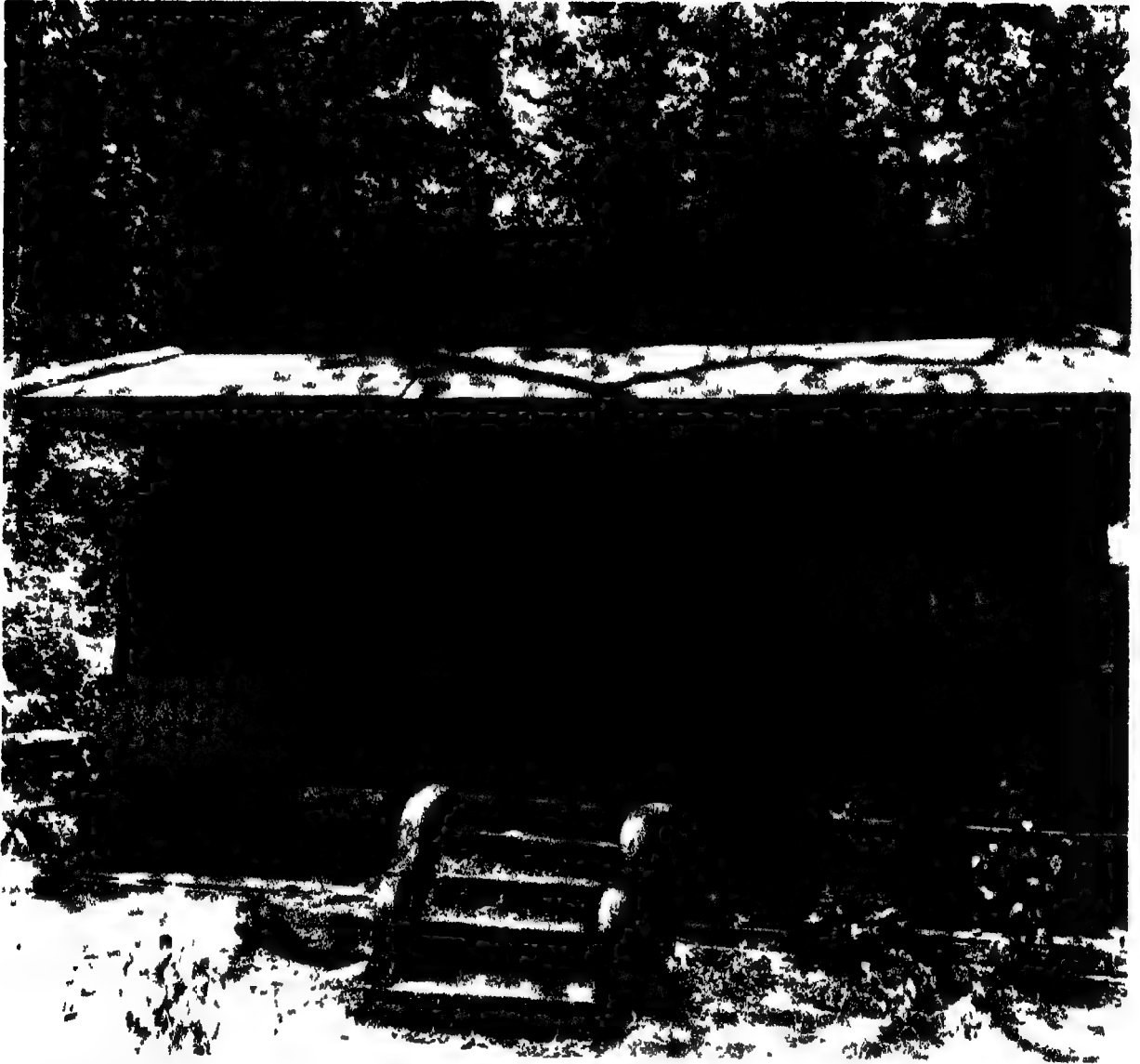
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Pārsvanātha Western
Chālukya, 12th century
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430 View of Jama temples
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431. Ādinātha *basadi*,
dilapidated, on the way to
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432 Detail of Tirthankara
bust, 12th century A D ,
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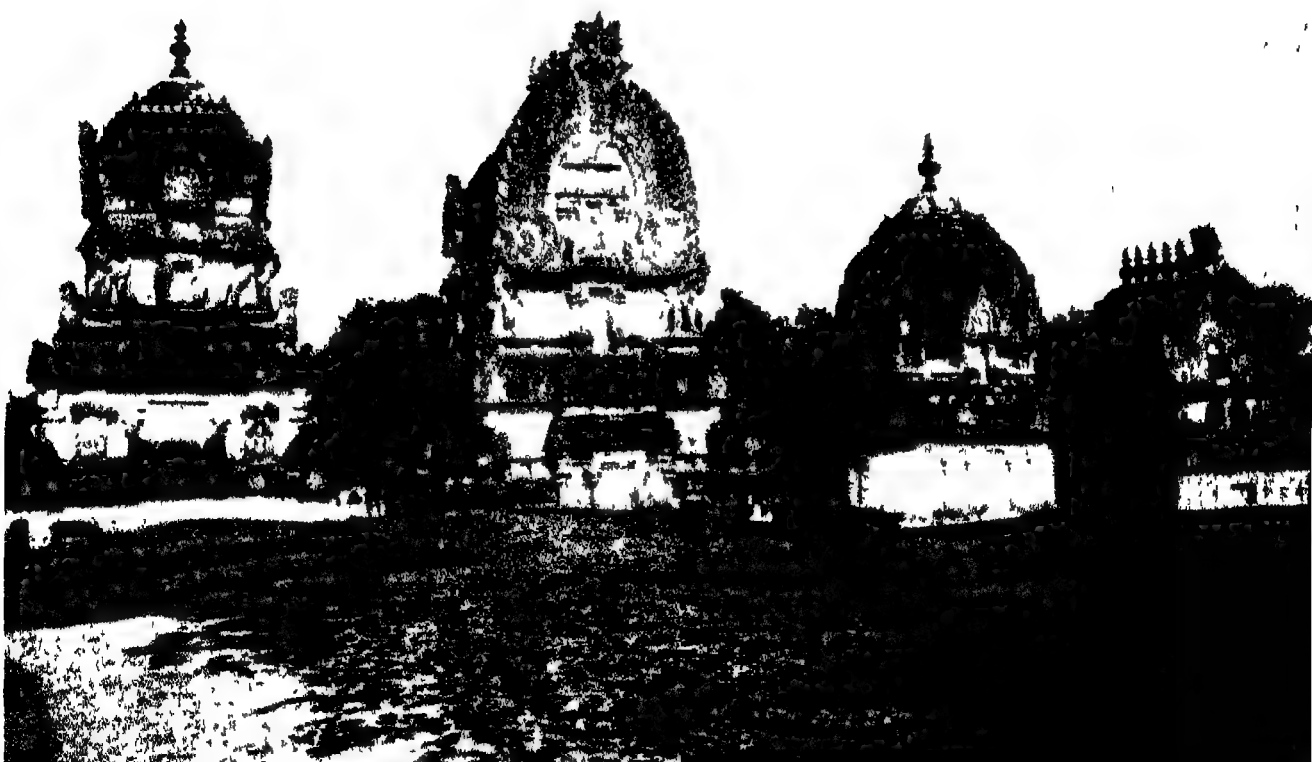
433 Vidyāśankara temple
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free-standing pillar,
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434 View of *vimānas* of
Vardhamana temple,
Tirupparuttikkunram
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435. *Chaumukha*, early
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A D , Narasimharājapura,
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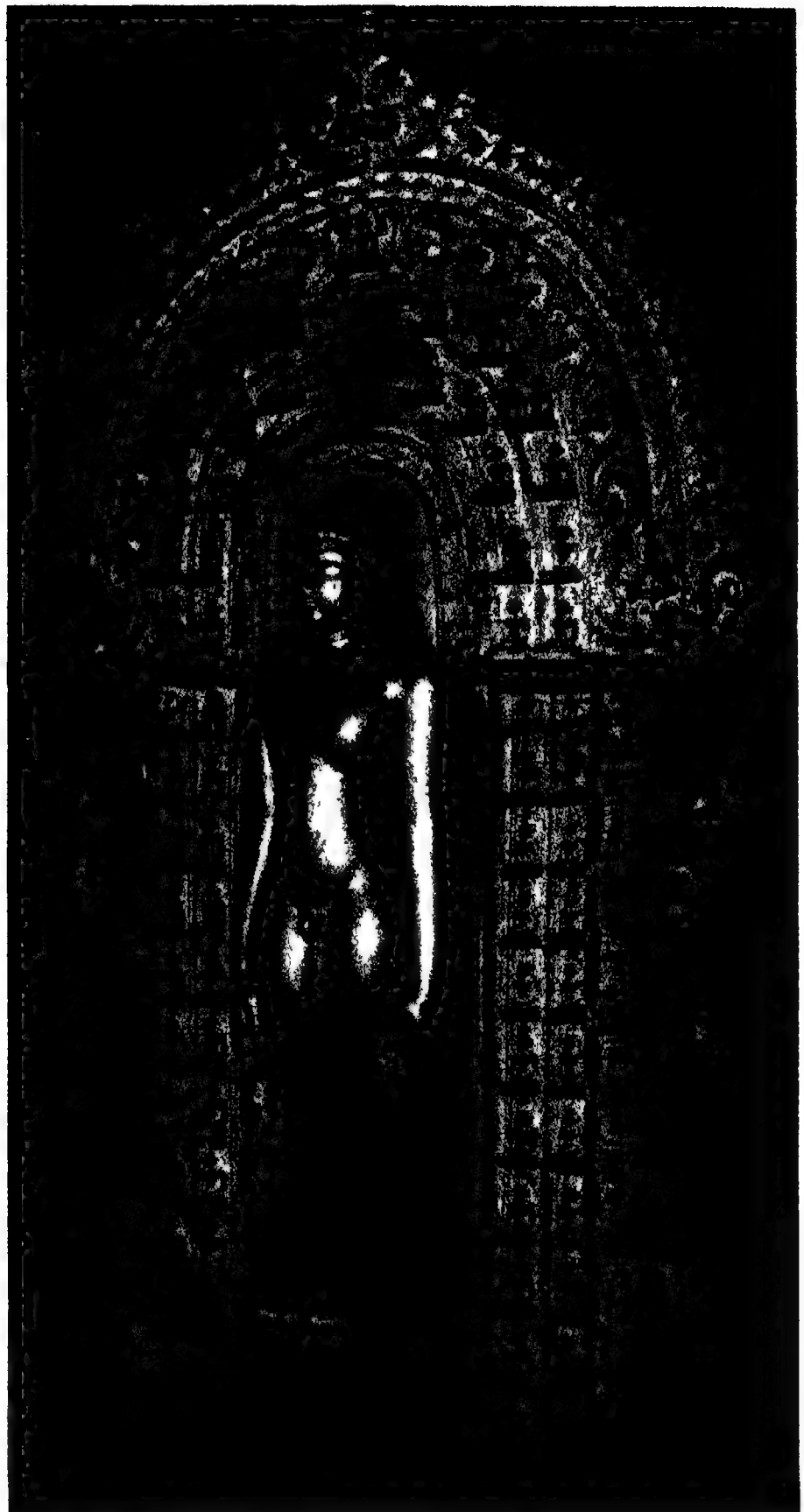
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437 Standing Tirthankara
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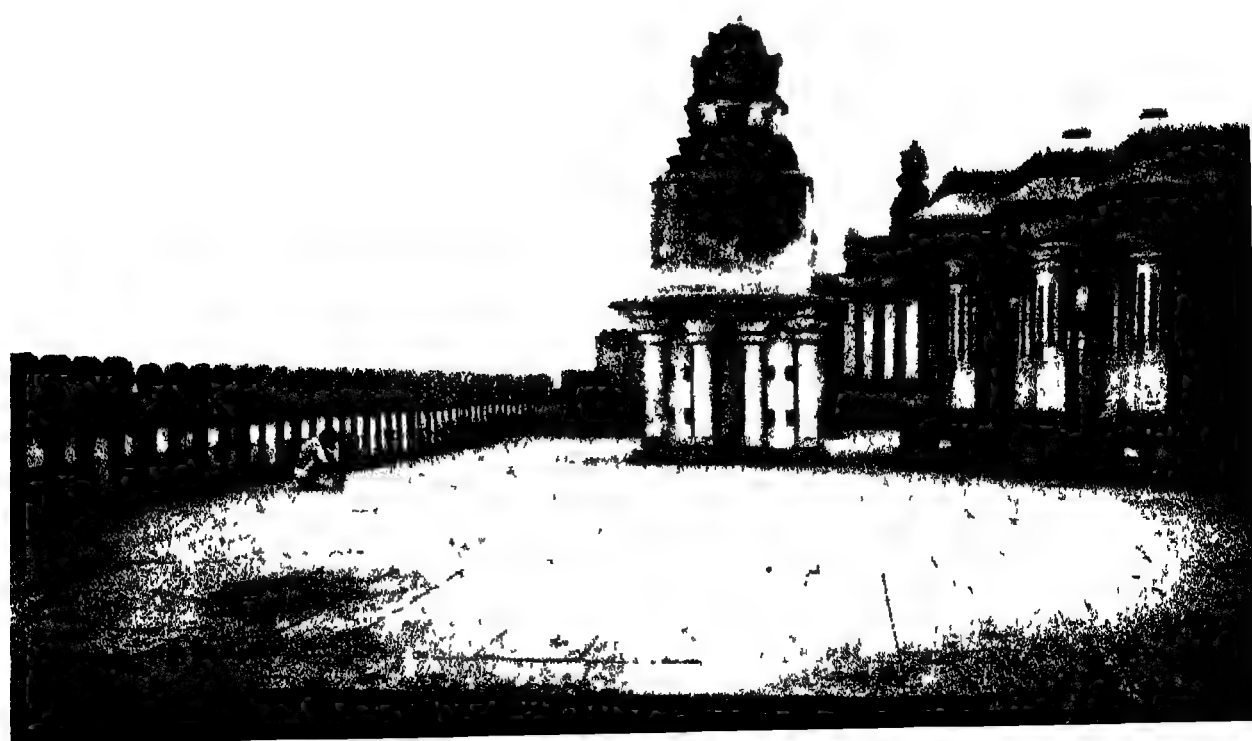


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438 Damsel with parrot
Hoysala 12th century
A D Channa-keśava
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439 Outer *prākāra* of
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440. Seated Tirthankara
Adinatha with *chauri*-
bearers, Rāshtrakūta, 10th
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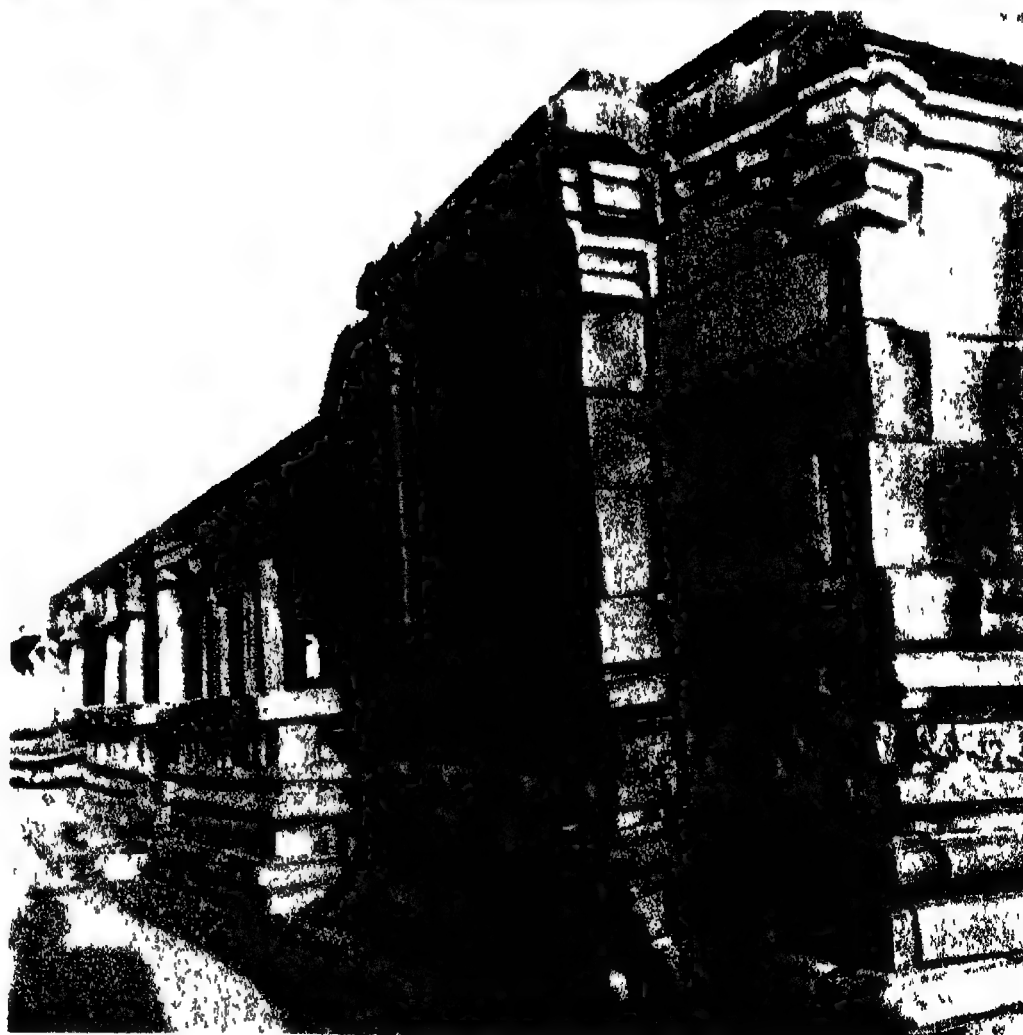
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442. Mahāvira standing, flanked by Pārśvanātha and Supārśvanātha and other Tirthankaras arranged in *chaturvimsāṅkā*, the Yaksha and Yakshī shown on the *pīṭha*, Chālukya, 11th century A D , Hunchālige, Gulbarga district

443. Nymph offering garland, Western Chālukya, 11th-12th century A D , Gulbarga Museum

444. View of Indrasabhā, Rāshtrakūṭa, 9th century A D , Cave 32, Ellora

445. Śāntinātha *basadi*, clockwise central view, Western Chālukya, 11th century A D , Kambadahalli Māṇḍyā district



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446 Seated Tirthankara
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447 Tirthankara attended
by *chauri*-bearers, Western
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448. Pillar with Brahma Yaksha at the top, in Śānteśvara temple, Western Chālukya, 12th century A D , Guruvayankeri, South Kanara district

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449. Hill, general view, Bhatakala, South Kanara district

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450. *Mānastambha*,
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451. *Chaturmukha basadi*
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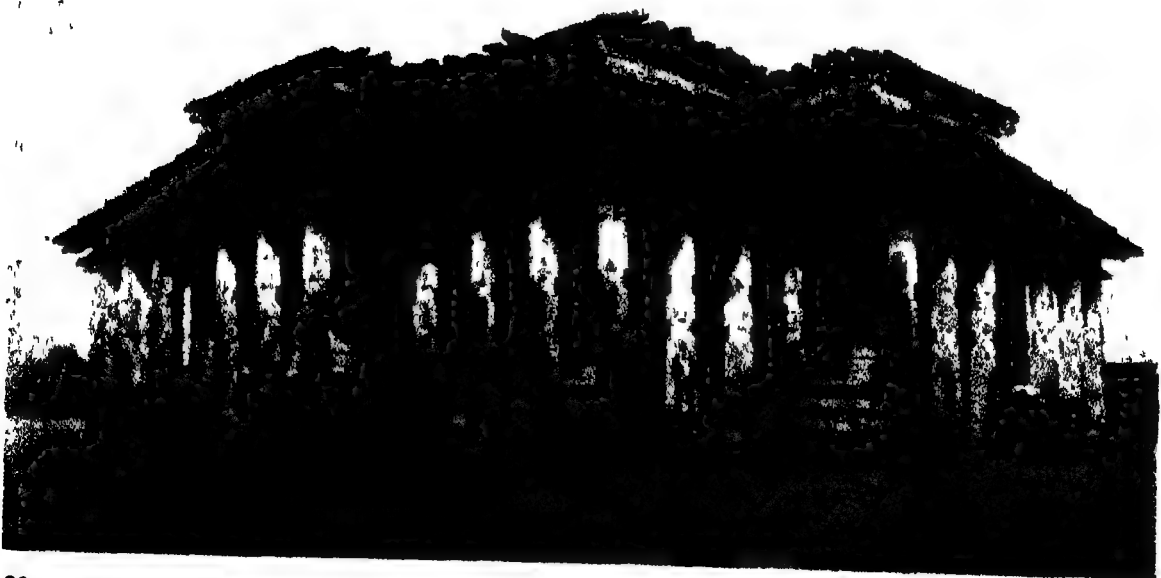
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453 *Chauri-bearer*
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454. View of *Chaturmukha
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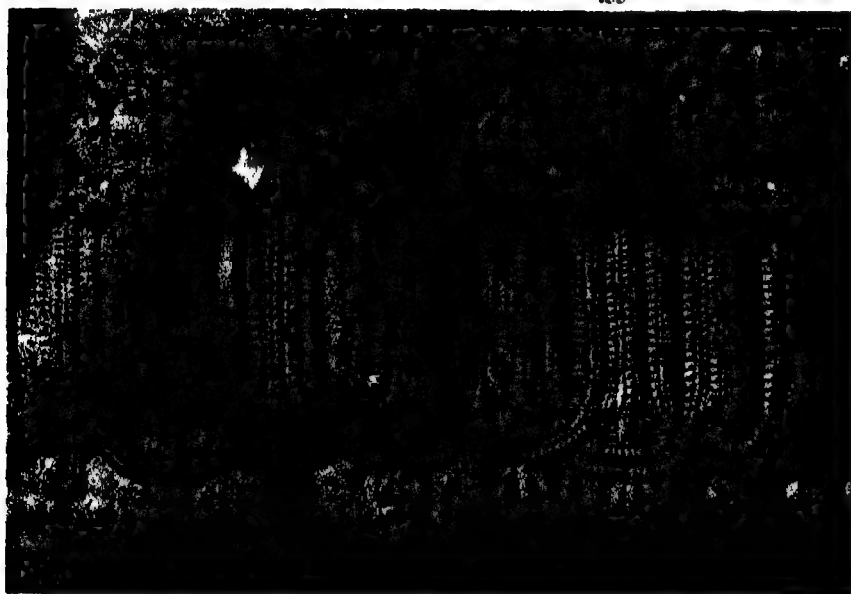
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455 Pillars and details of pillars Hoysala, 12th century A D Halebidu, South Kanara district



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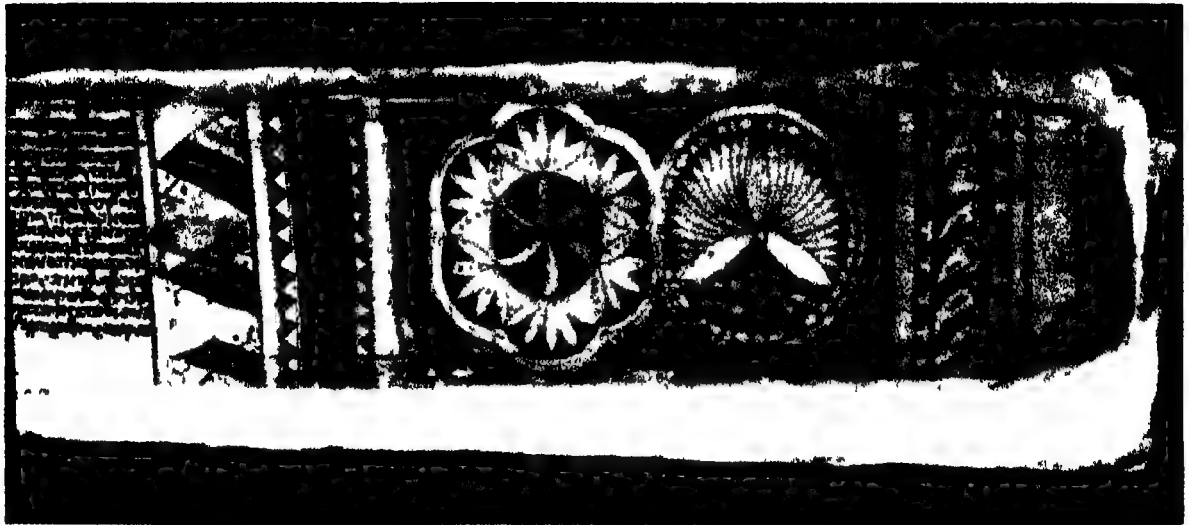
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460. Manuscript of *Jayadhavalā* with illustration in colour, of Ambikā, on palm leaf, the letters of the manuscript in Kannada of 12th century A D , Hoysala, Moodbidri



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461 Hosa basadi,
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462. Hosa basadi,
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A D , showing
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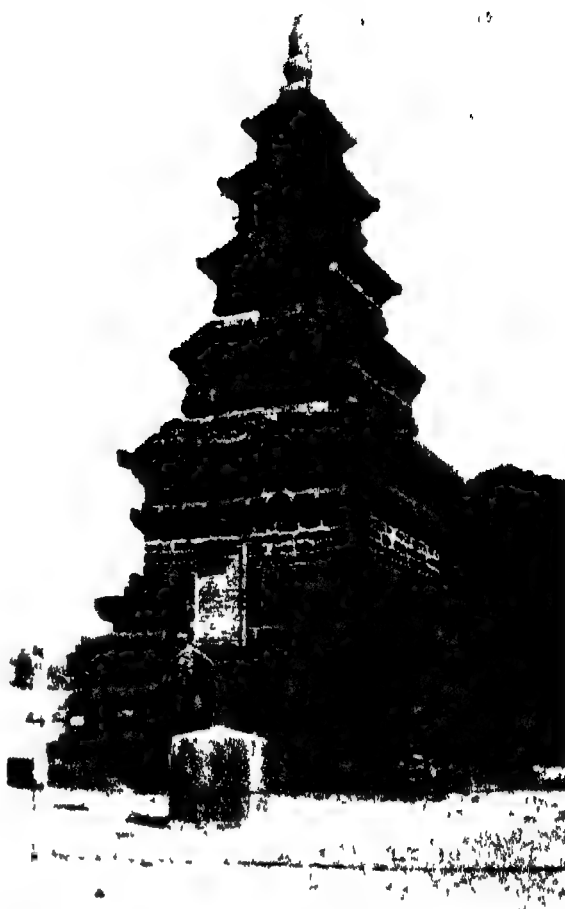
463. Little Chandranātha
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464. One of the memorial structures for the Jaina monks outside the town, Moodbidri, South Kanara district

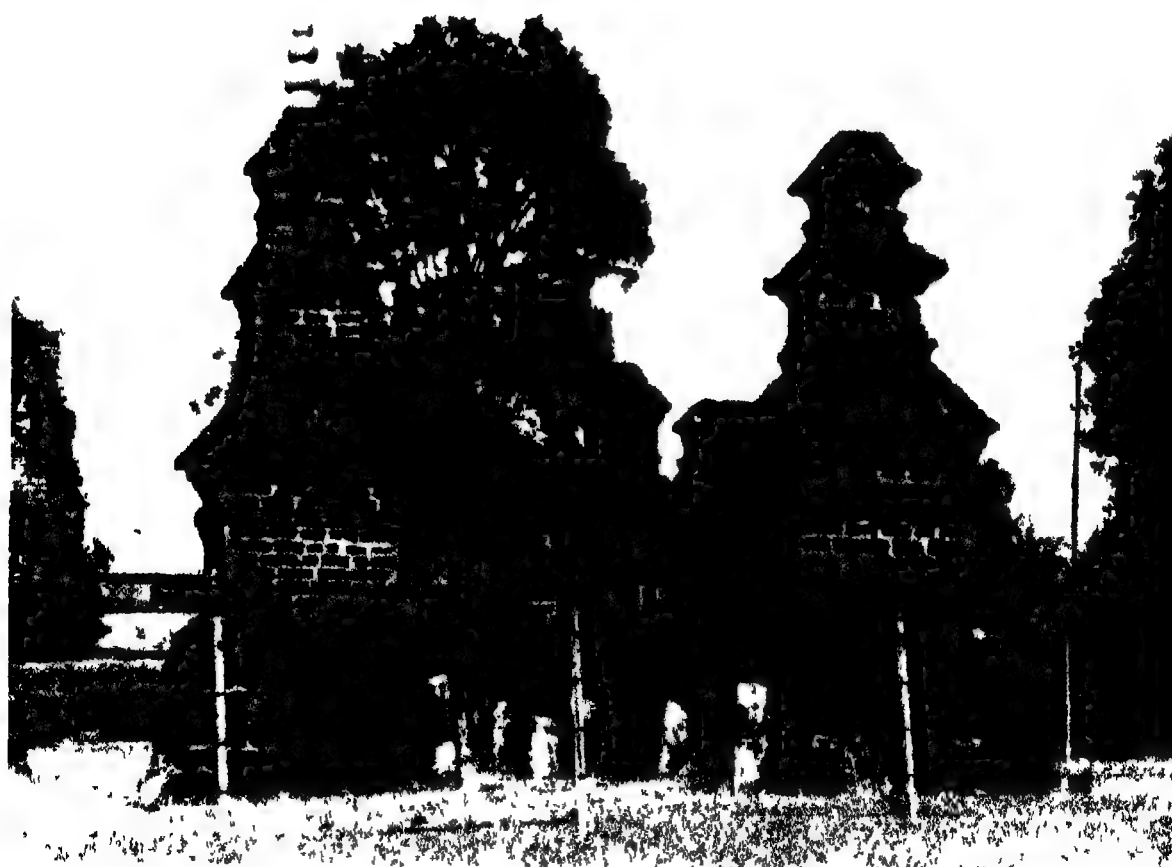
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466. Close up of Pārśvanātha, Western Chālukya, 11th-12th century A D , Kotumachagi, Dhārwar district



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467. Tirthankara with
flywhisk-bearers in
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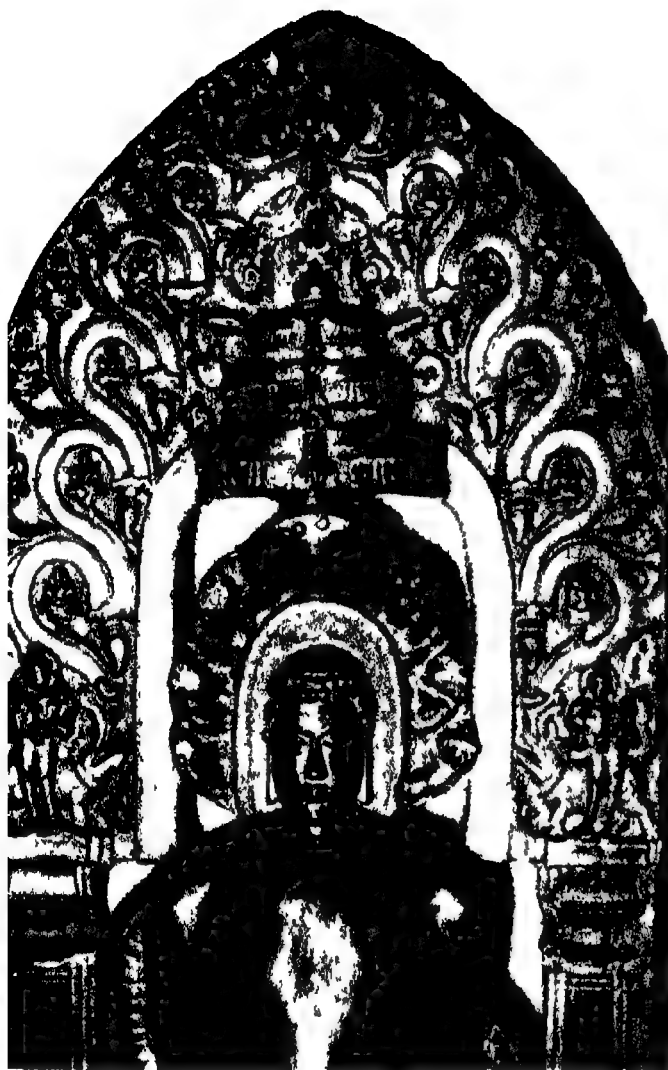
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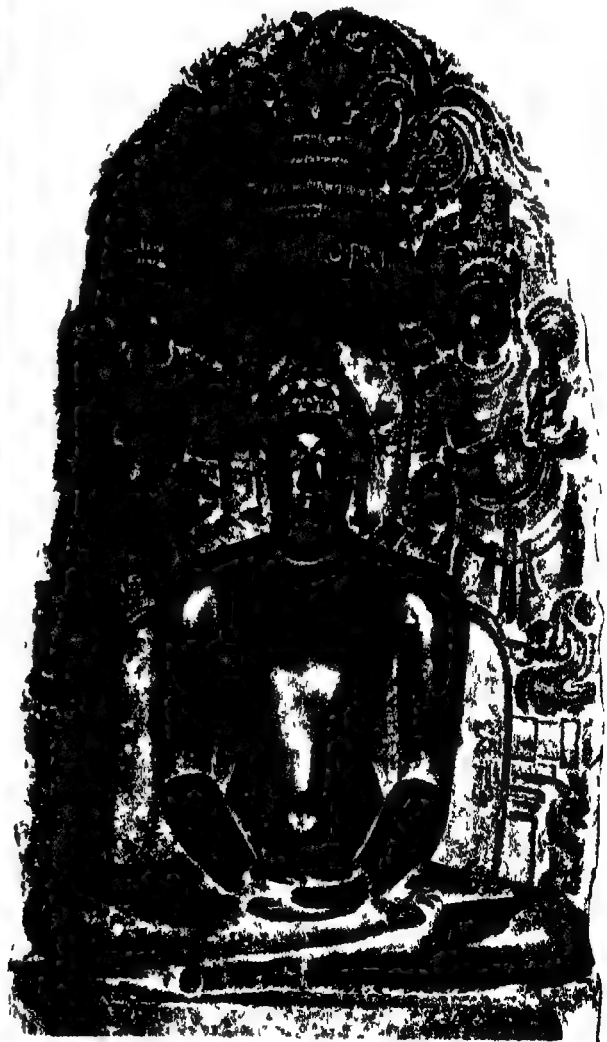




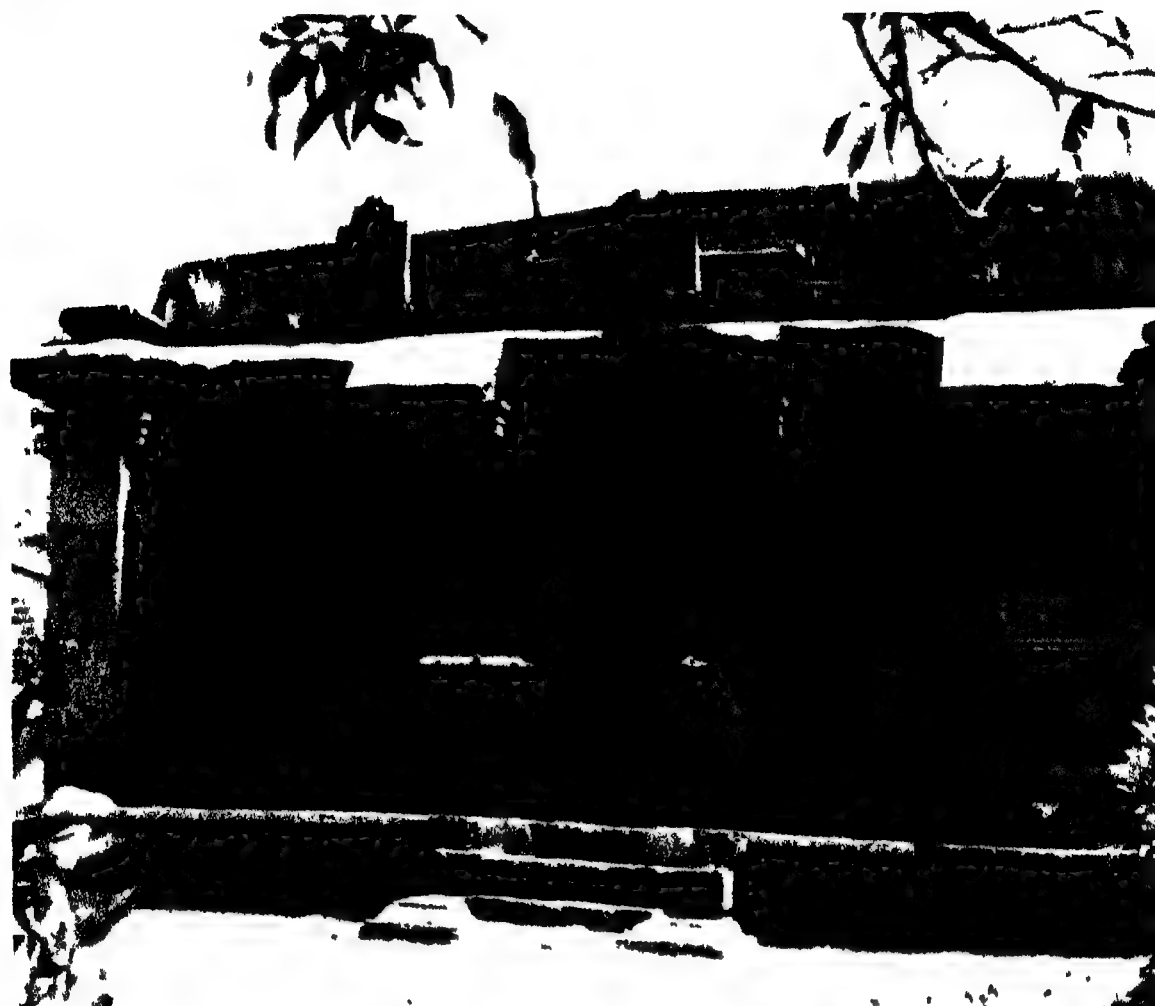
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470. Ādinātha, Western Chālukya, 12th century A D , Gudigeri, Dhārwar district



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471 Facade of *mandapa* of a Jain temple near Kamala *basadi*, Belgaum

472 General view of the cave, Badāmī, Bijapur district

473. Sankha-*Jinalaya*, left side view of the exterior, Western Chālukya, 11th century A D , Mulgund, Dhārwar district

474 Sankha-*Jinalaya* another left side view of the exterior, Western Chālukya 11th century A D , Mulgund, Dhārwar district

475. View of Jain temple, Tirumalai, North Arcot district



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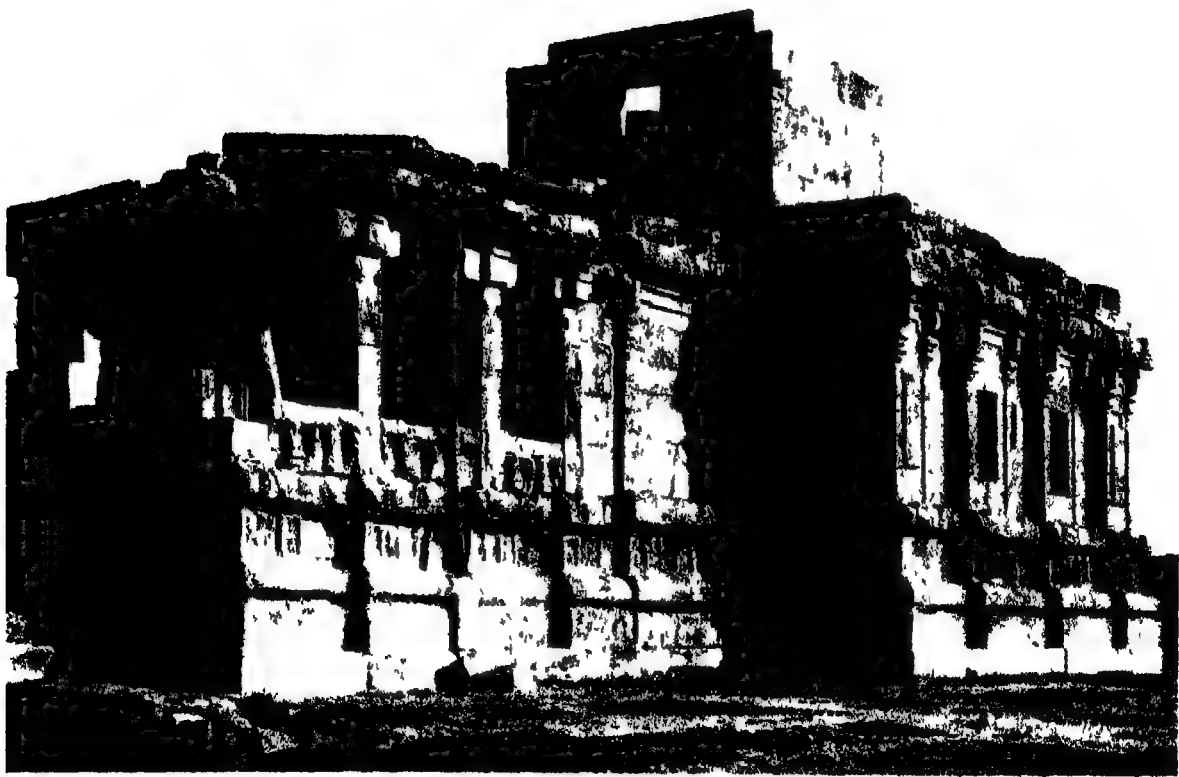


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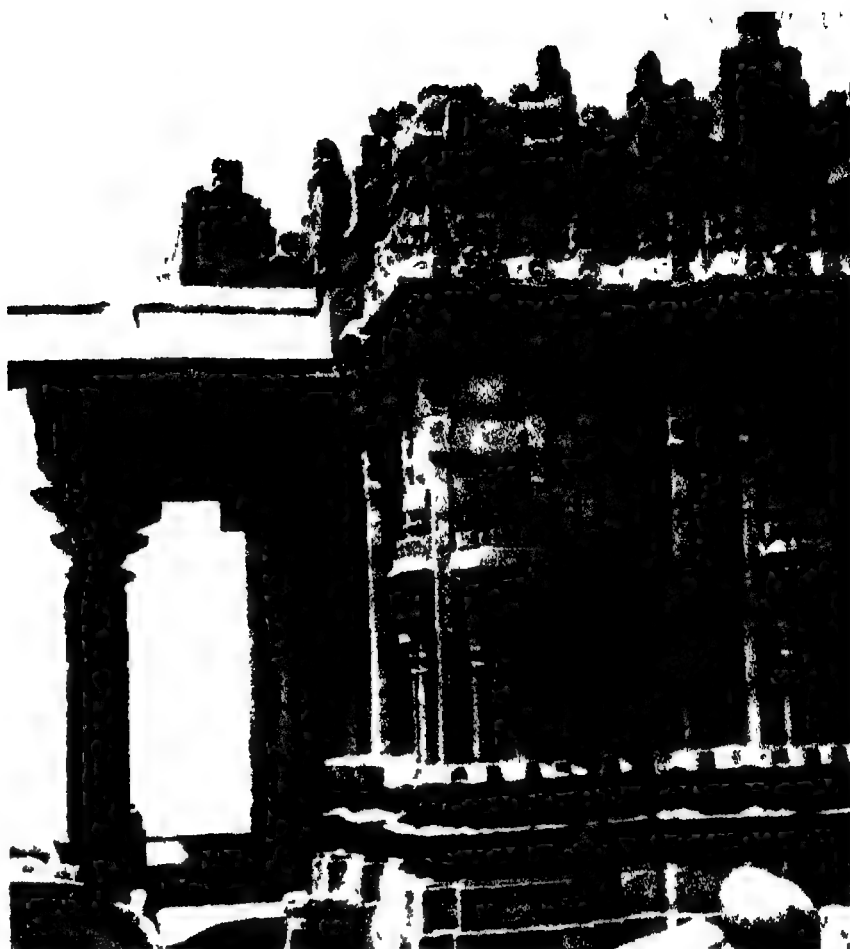


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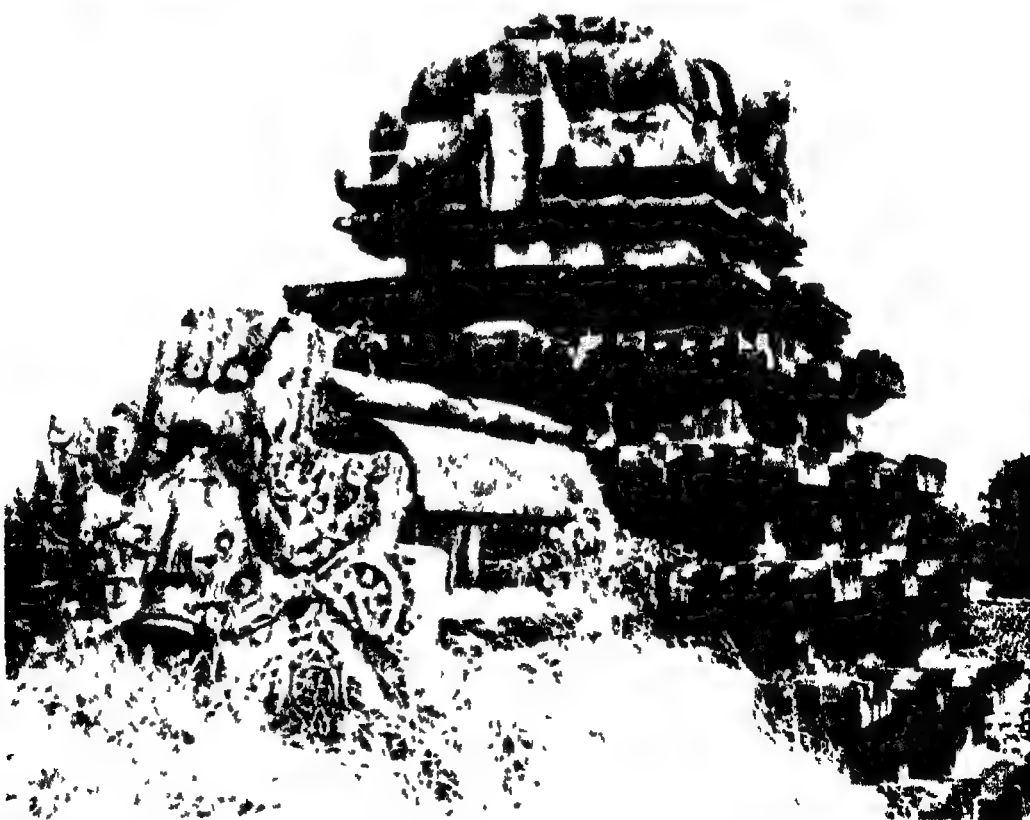


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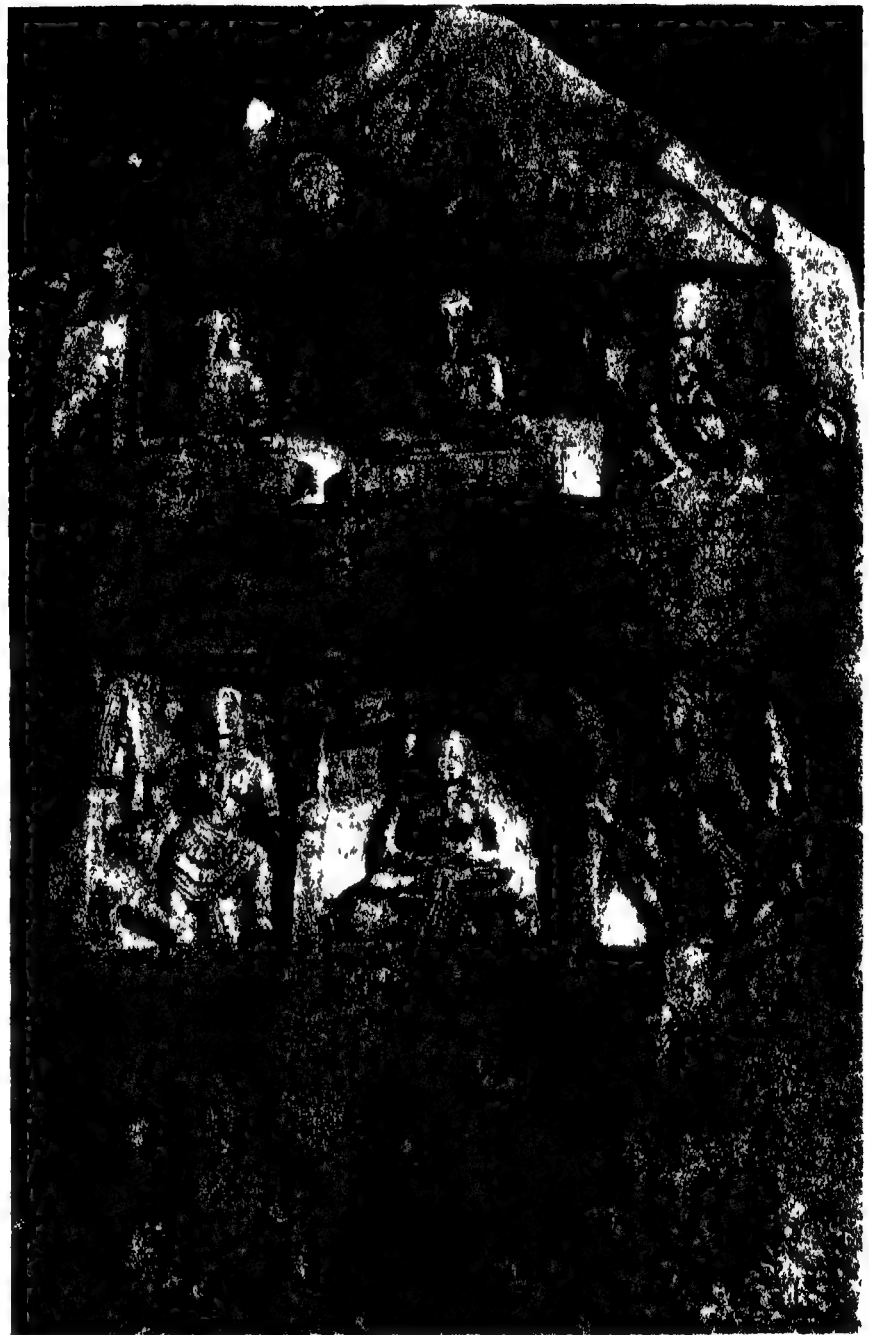
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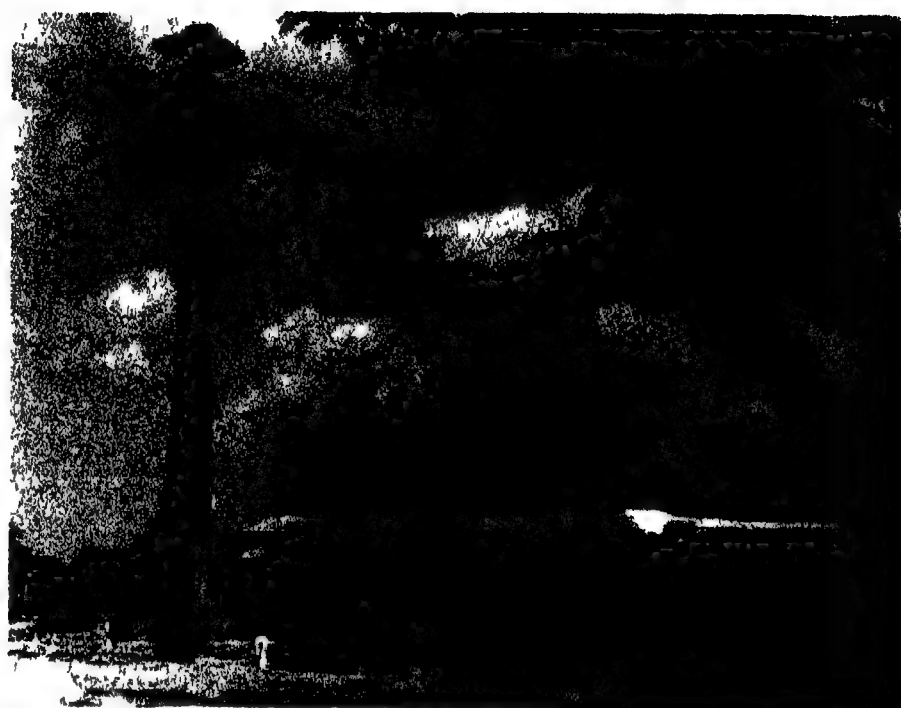
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century A D , Muddebihāl,
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century A D Bādāmī
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498 Close up of
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*The famous Athole
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500. Kinnara-mithuna motif from ceiling, Western Chālukya 7th century A D , Aihole, Bijāpur district

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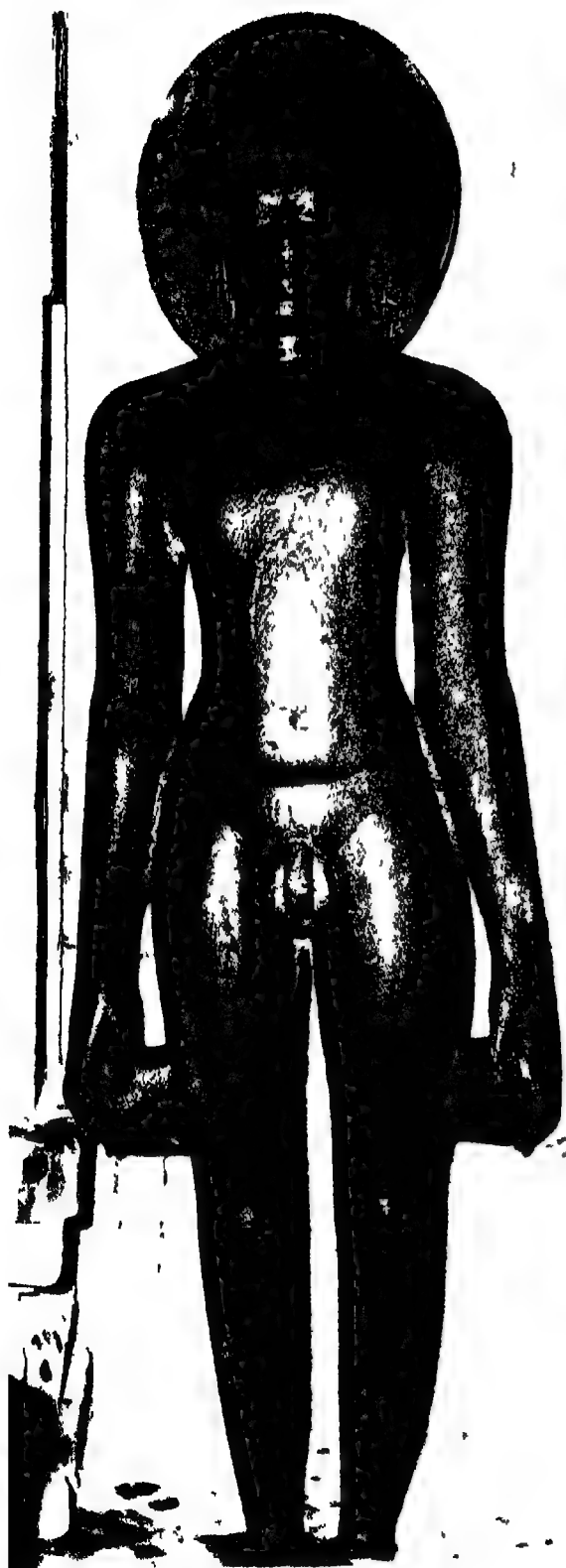
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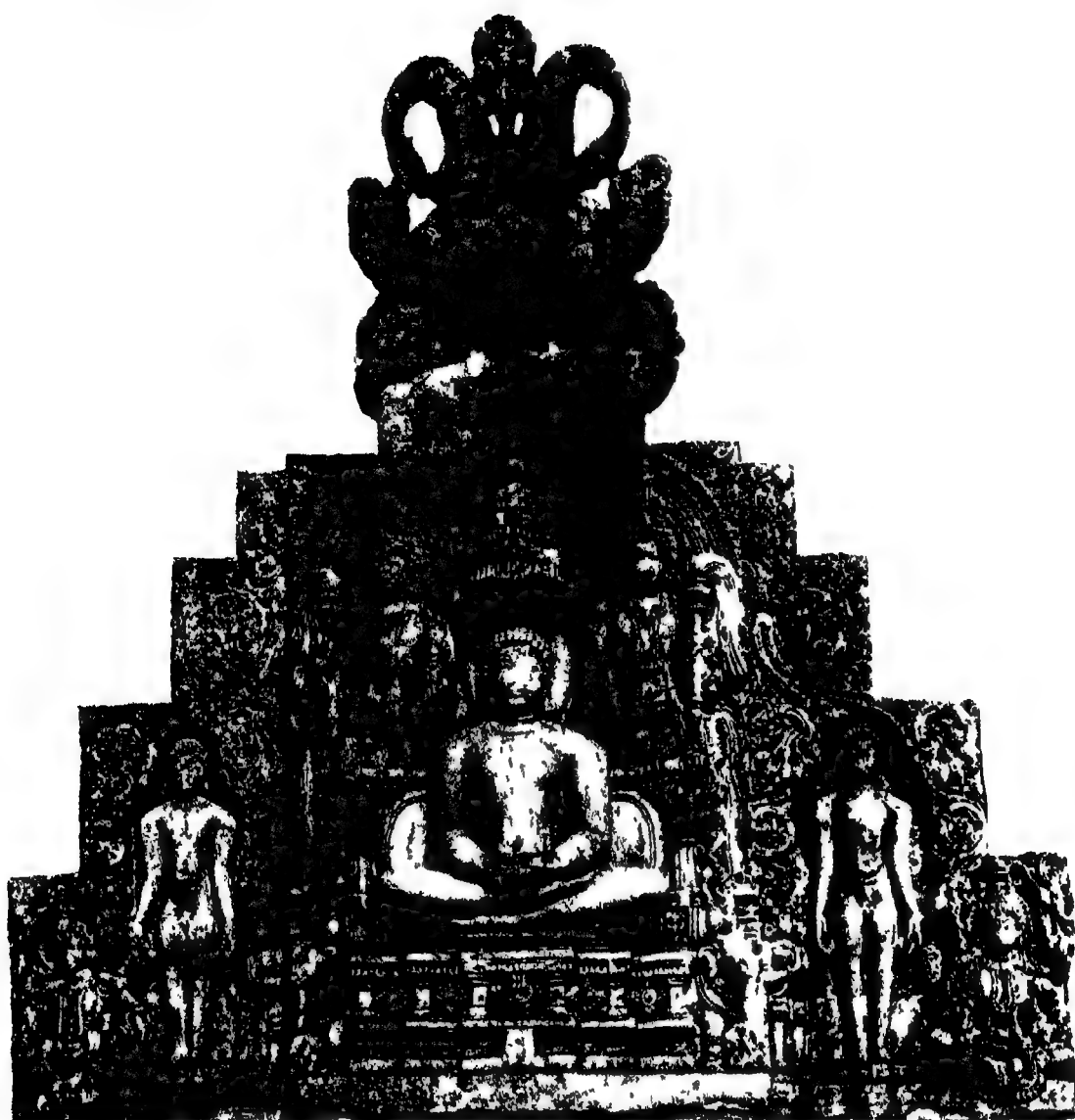
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506. Standing Tirthankara in metal, Chola style, 11th century A D , Śravanabelagola



507 Details of panel,
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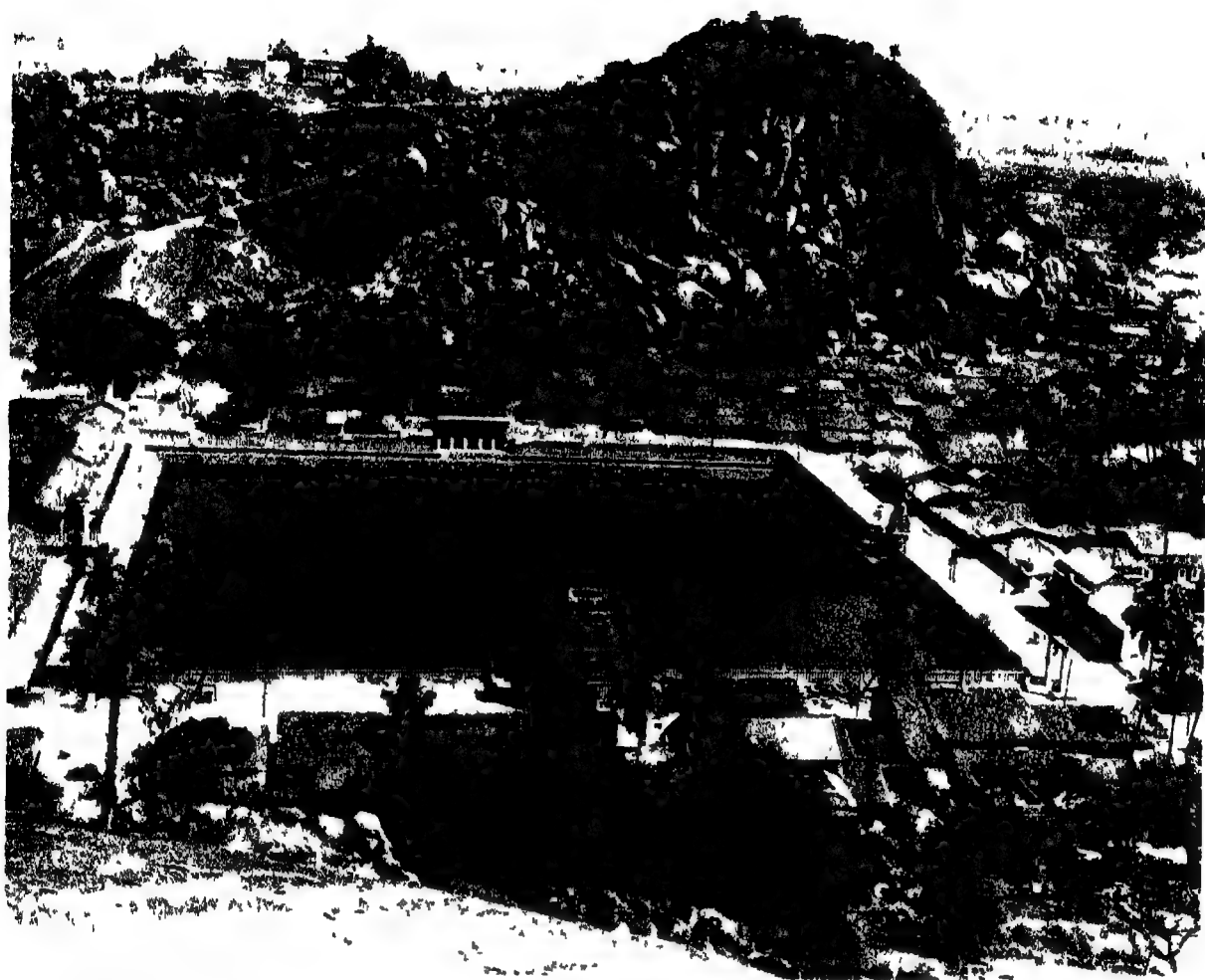
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511 Vindhyagiri showing
the Gommatesvara
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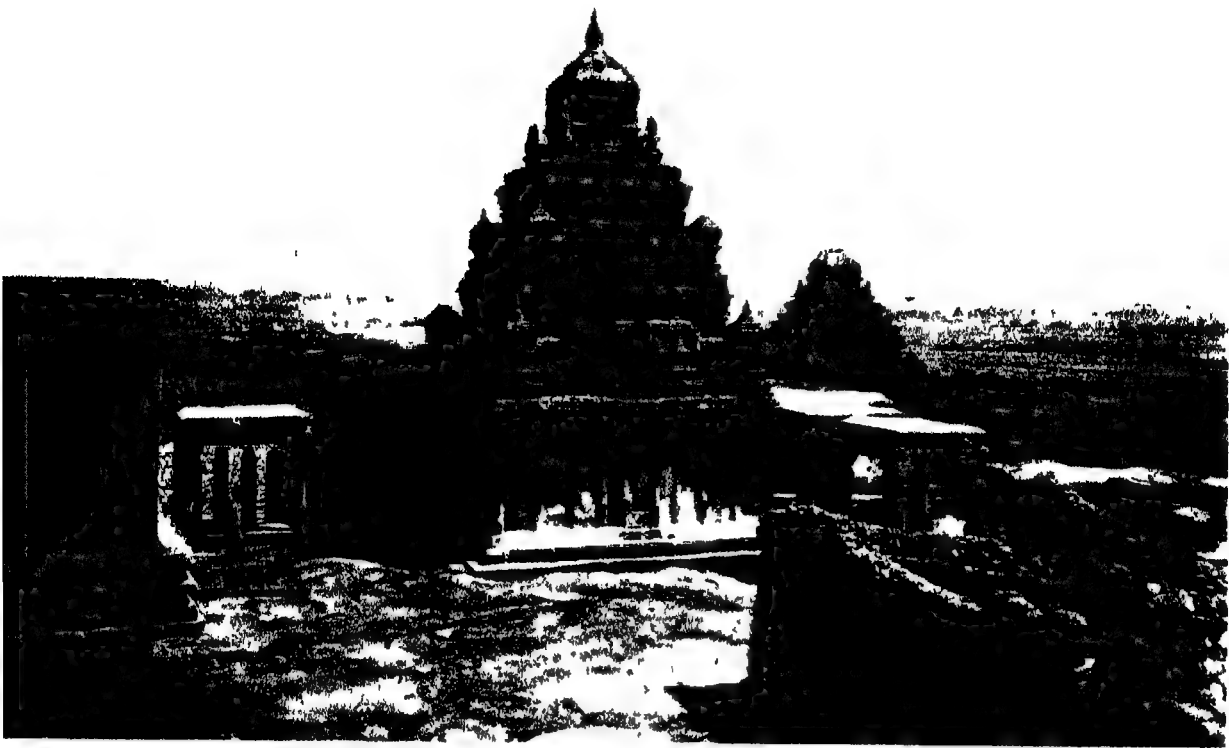
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A D , Śravanabelagola,
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514 *Basadis* at Chandragiri in front of Chāmundarāya *basadi*, Western Chālukya, 11th century A D , Sravanabelagola, Hassan district

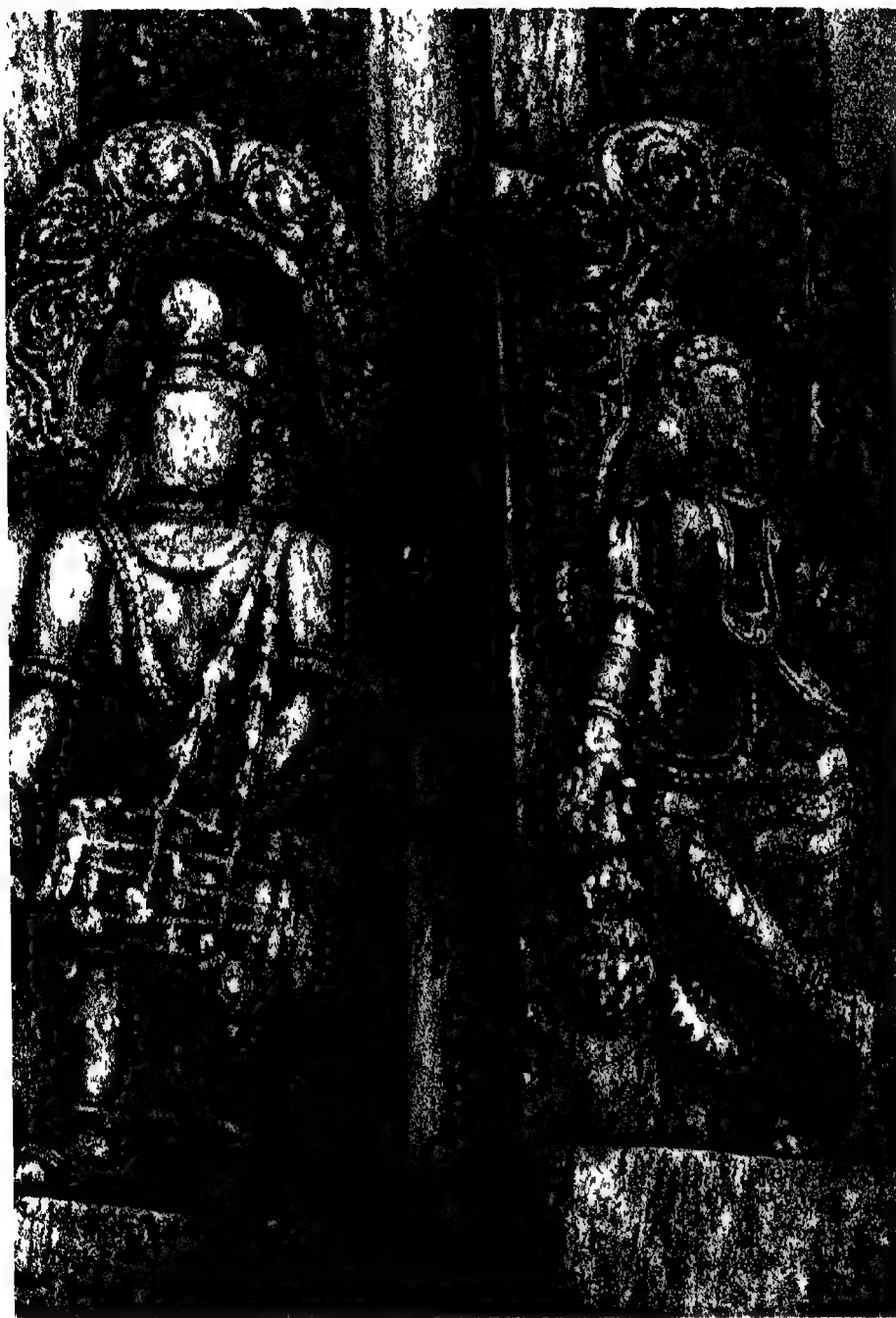
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516 Decorative nymphs
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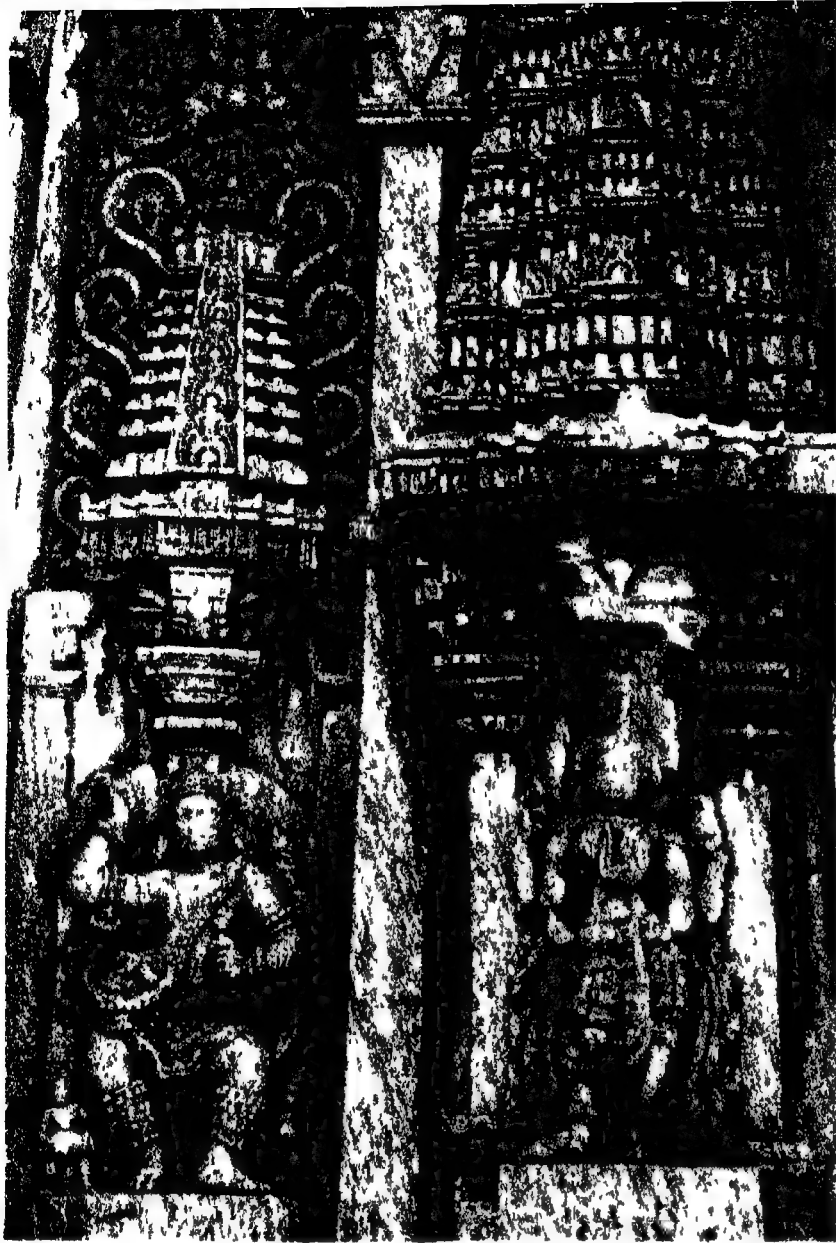


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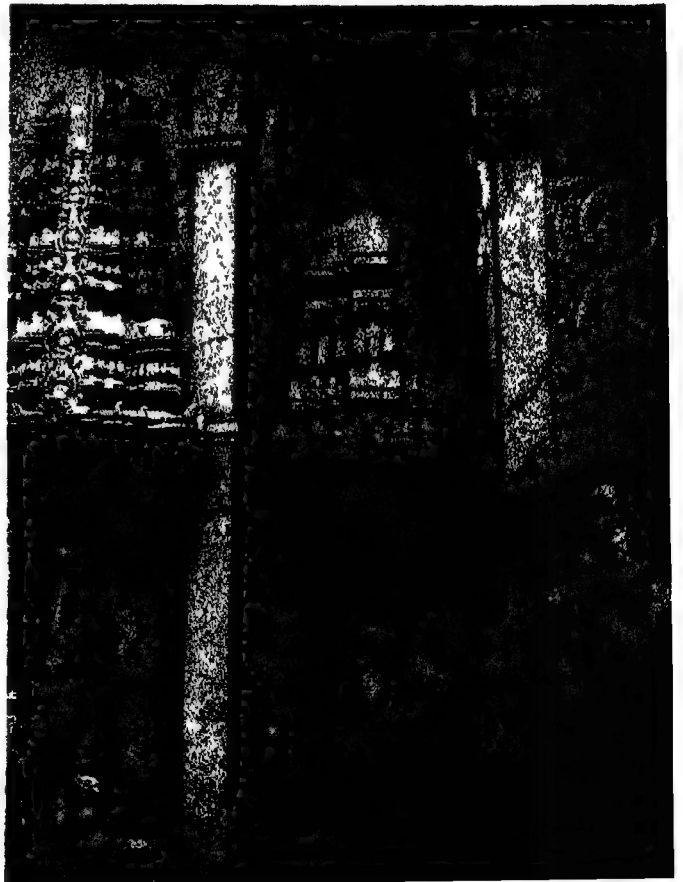
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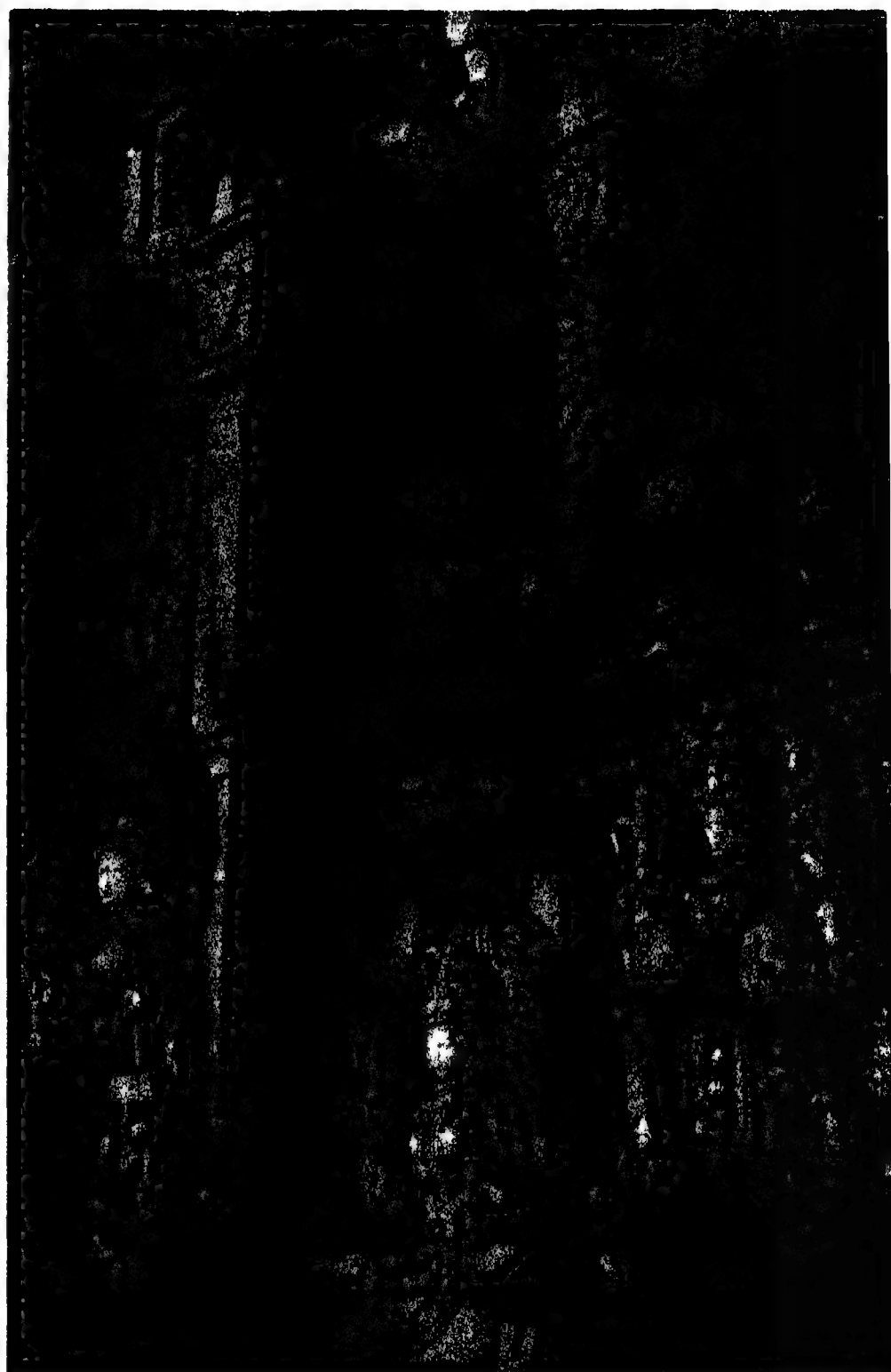
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526 Incomplete Jaina cave, Kakatiya, 13th century A D , Hanamkonda, Wārangal district, Andhra Pradesh

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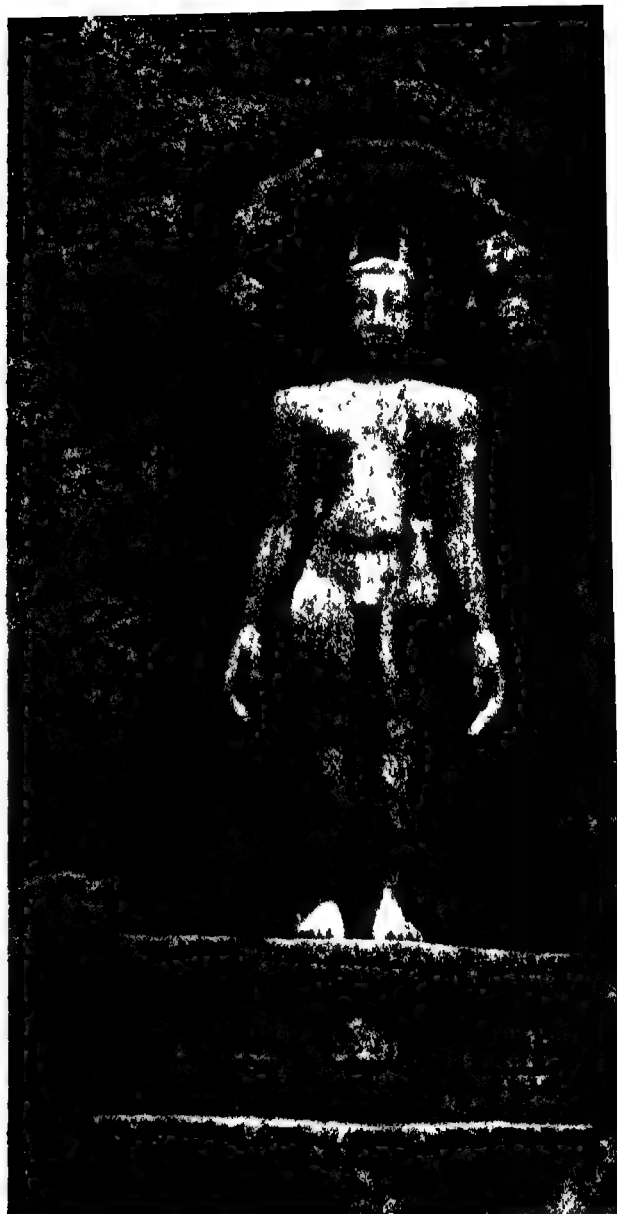


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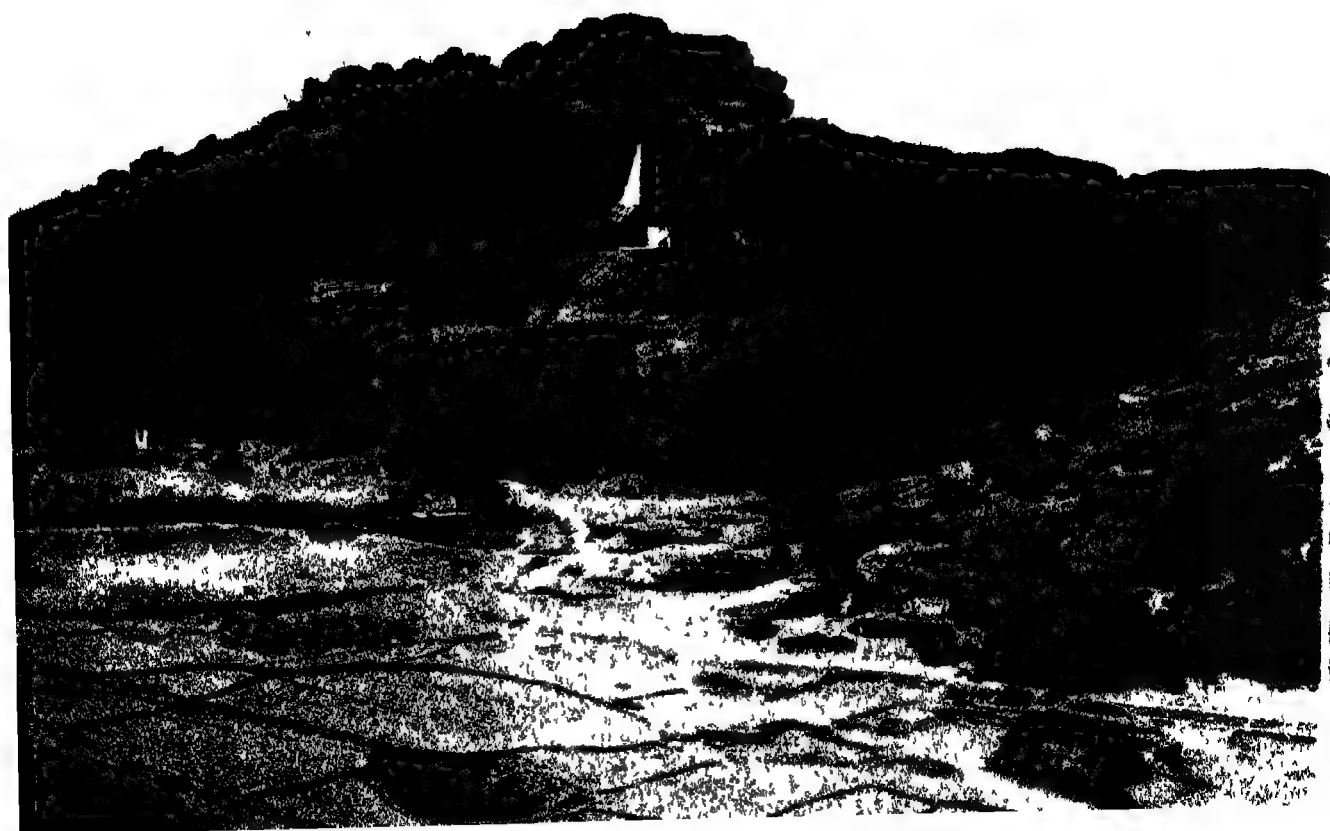
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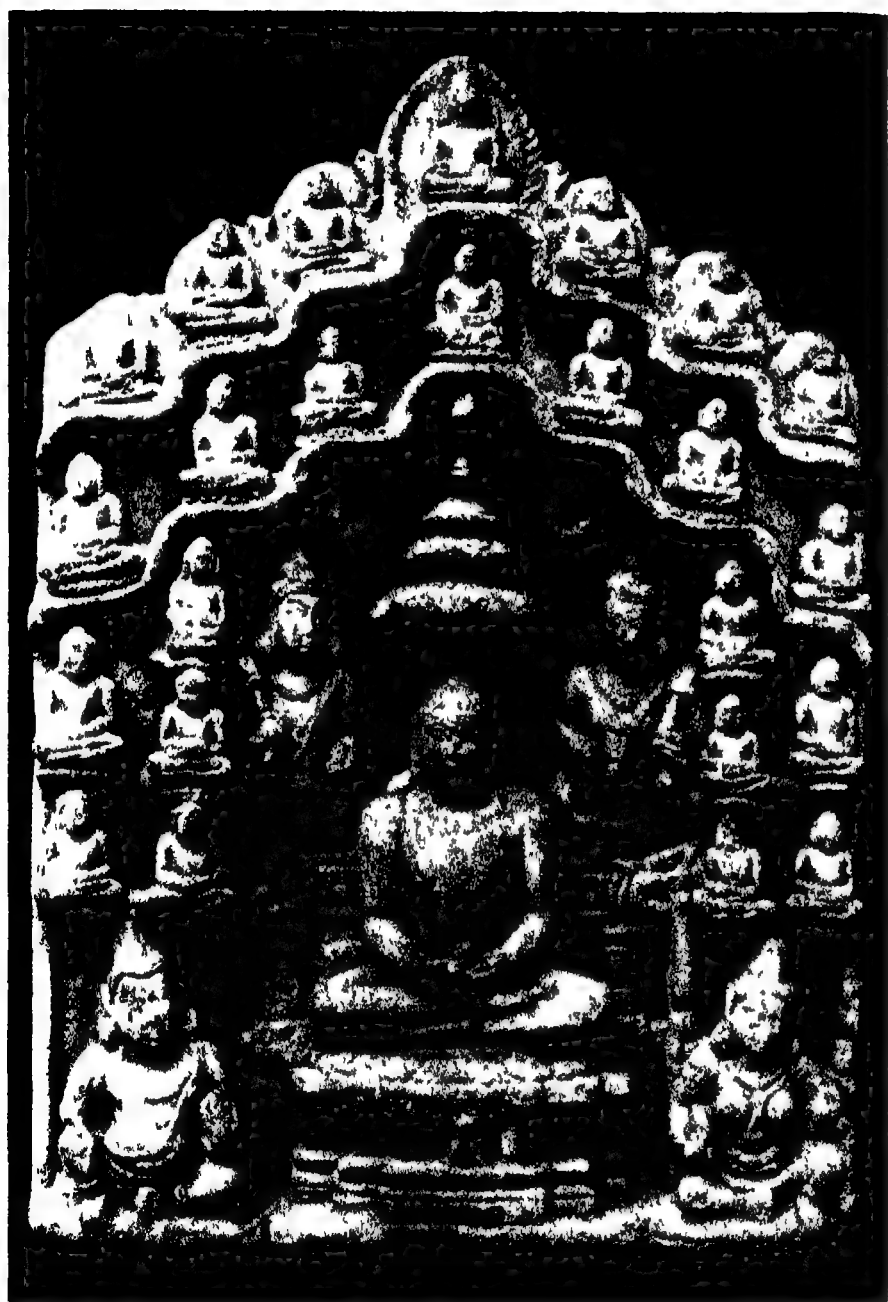
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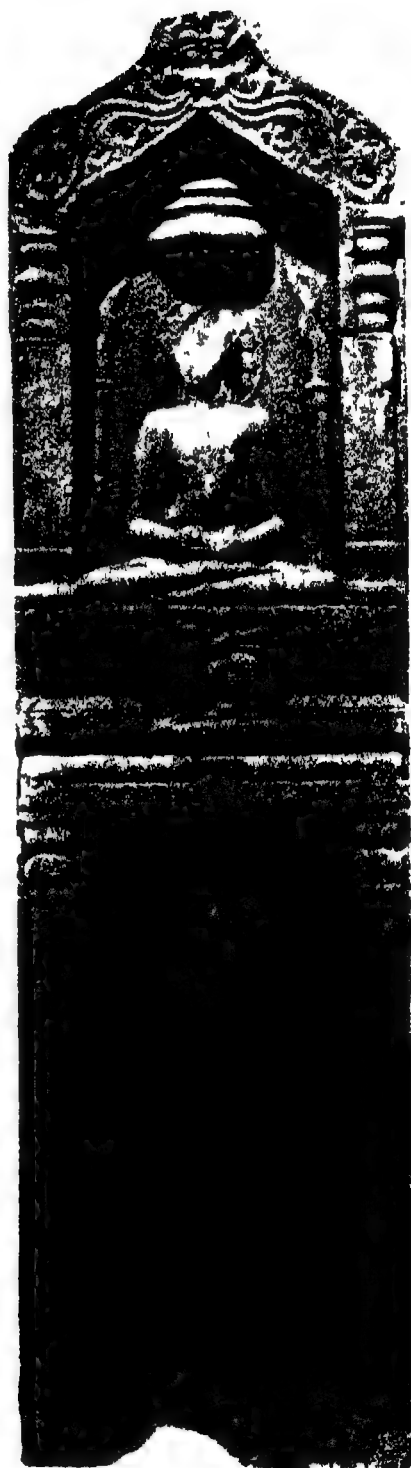




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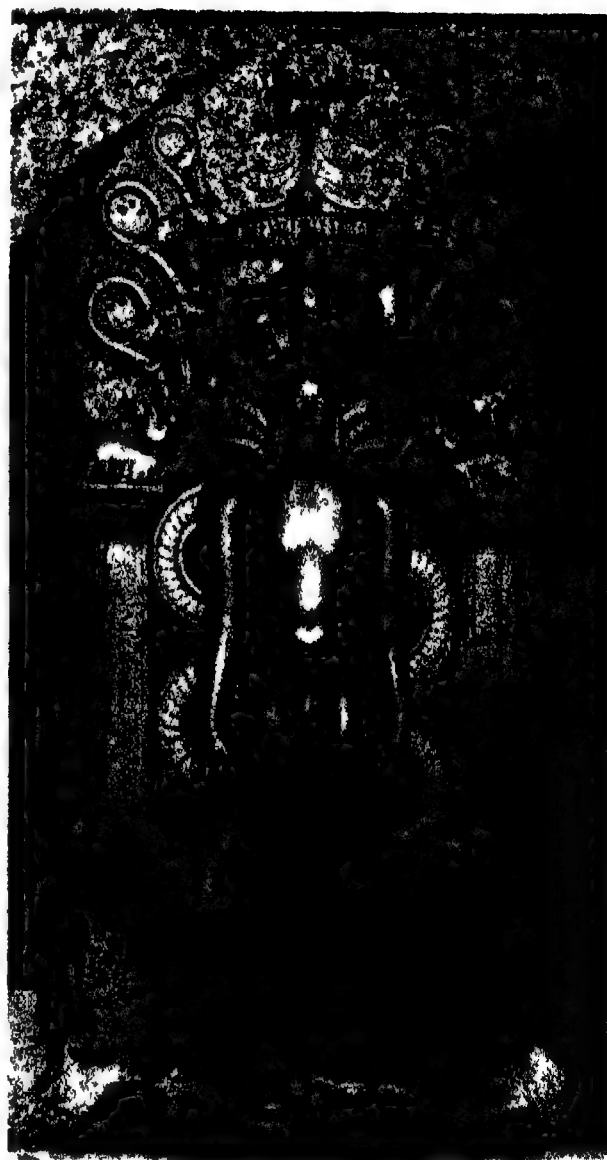
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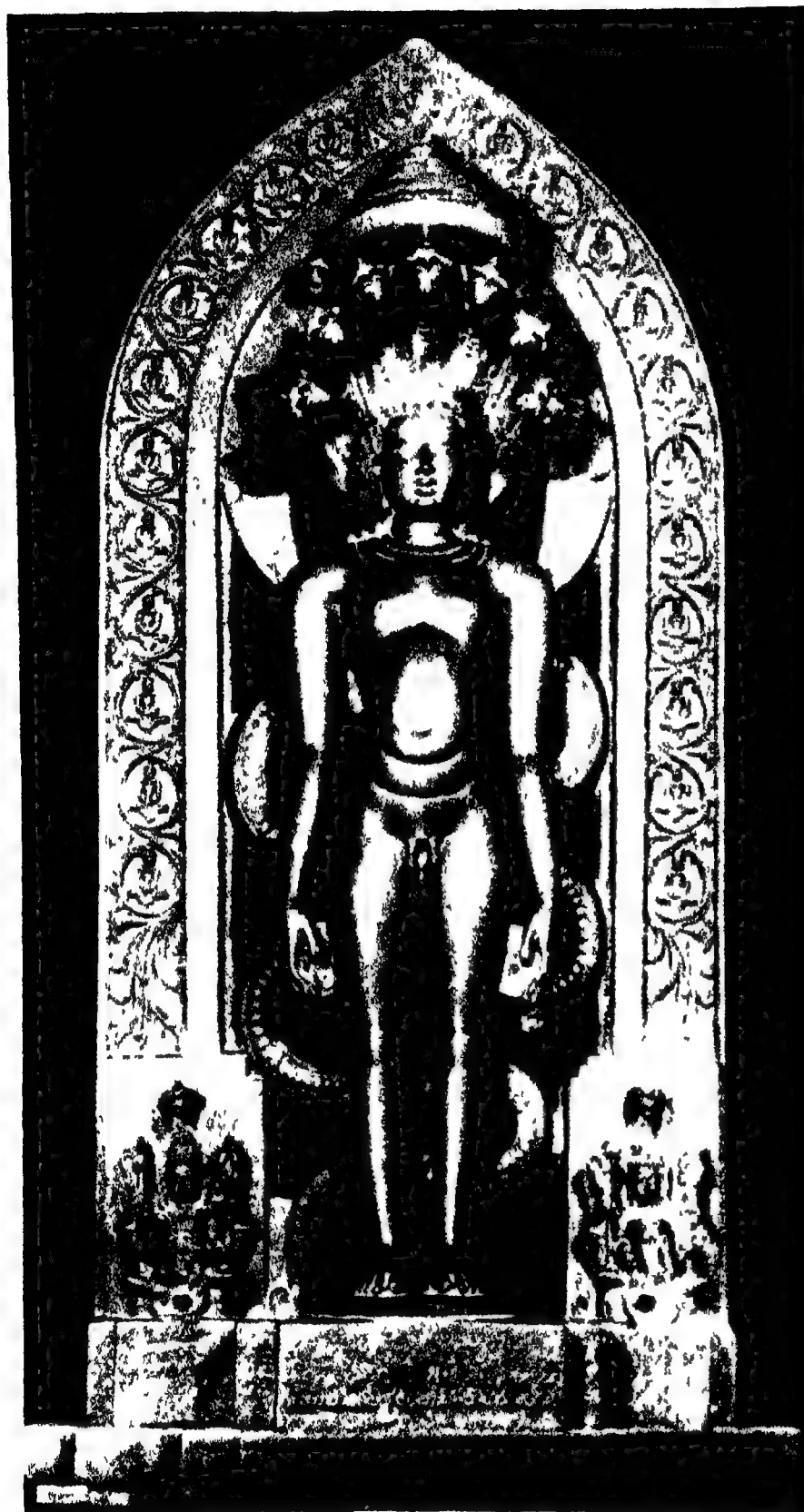
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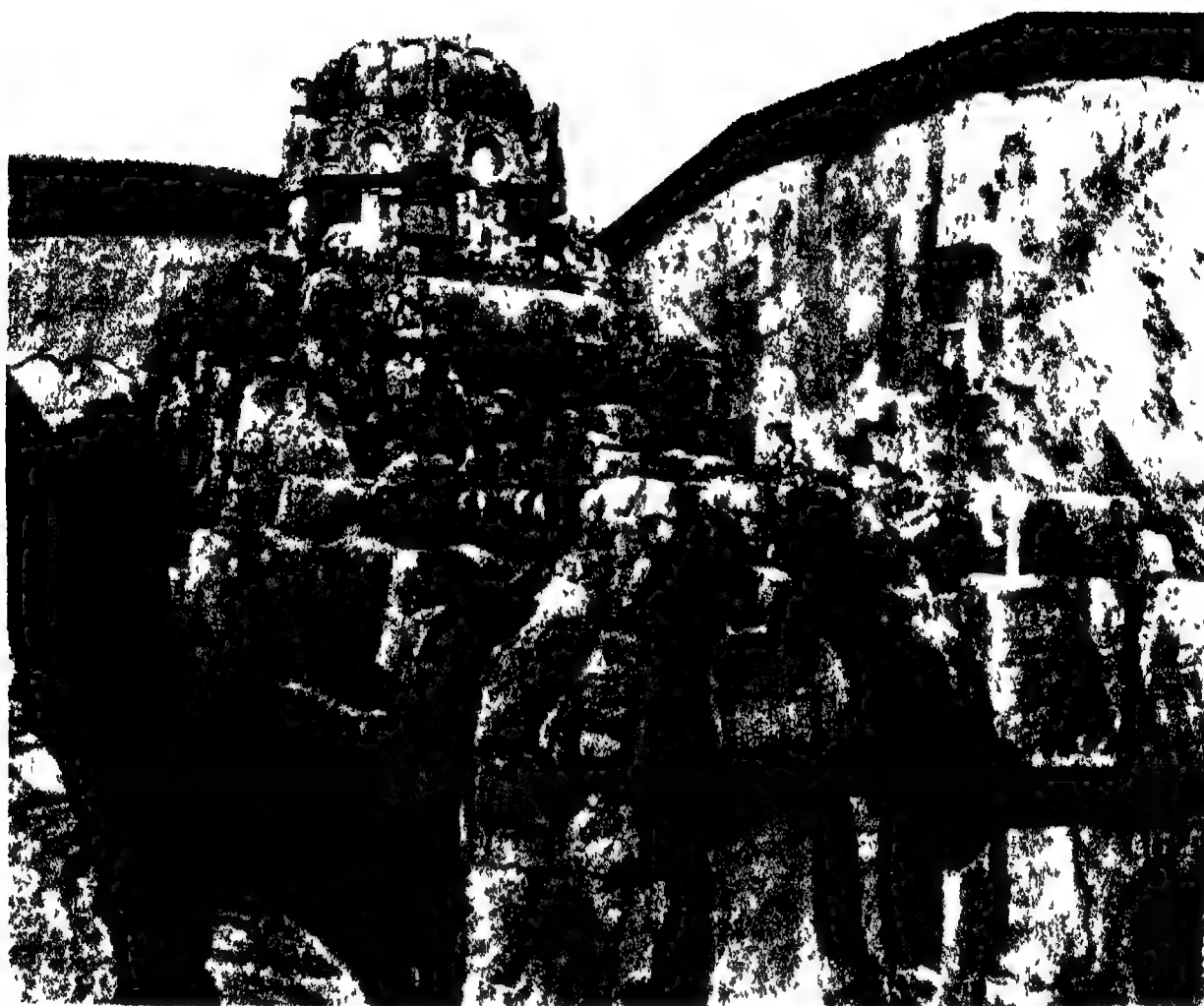
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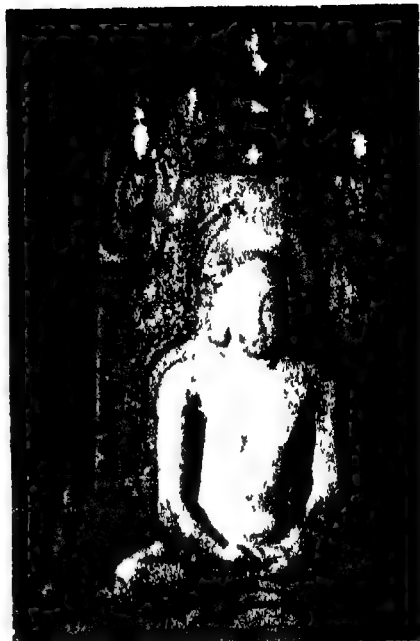
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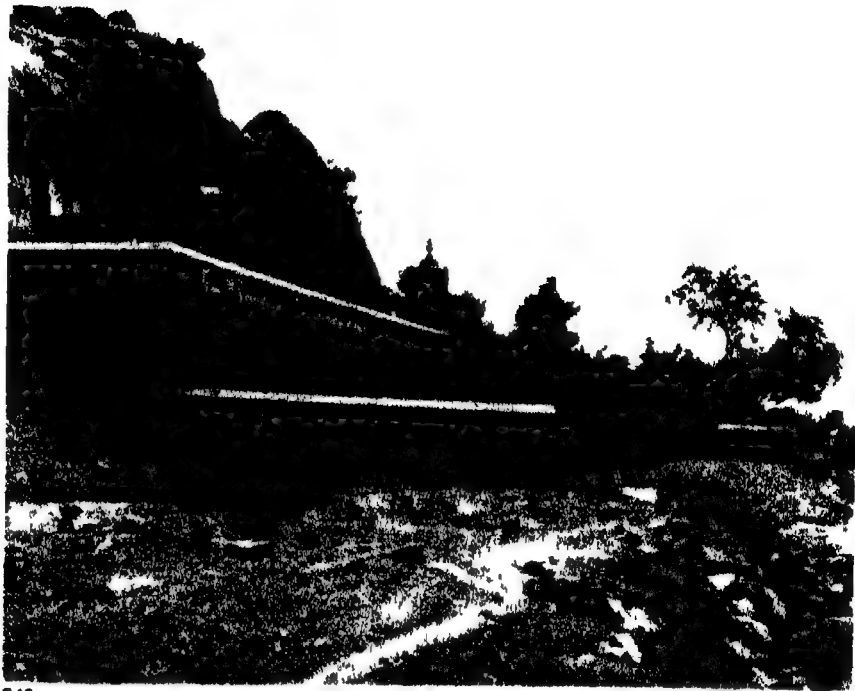
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545. Jaina temple and the
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546 Kamatha's attack
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547 View of natural
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548. Tirthankara seated with *chauri*-bearer flanking him, panel to the proper right of Kamatha's attack, close-up view Pallava, 8th century A D , Tirakkol, North Arcot district

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550. Tirthankara seated with *chauri*-bearers, Chola, 9th-10th century A D , Melūr, Tiruchirāpalli district

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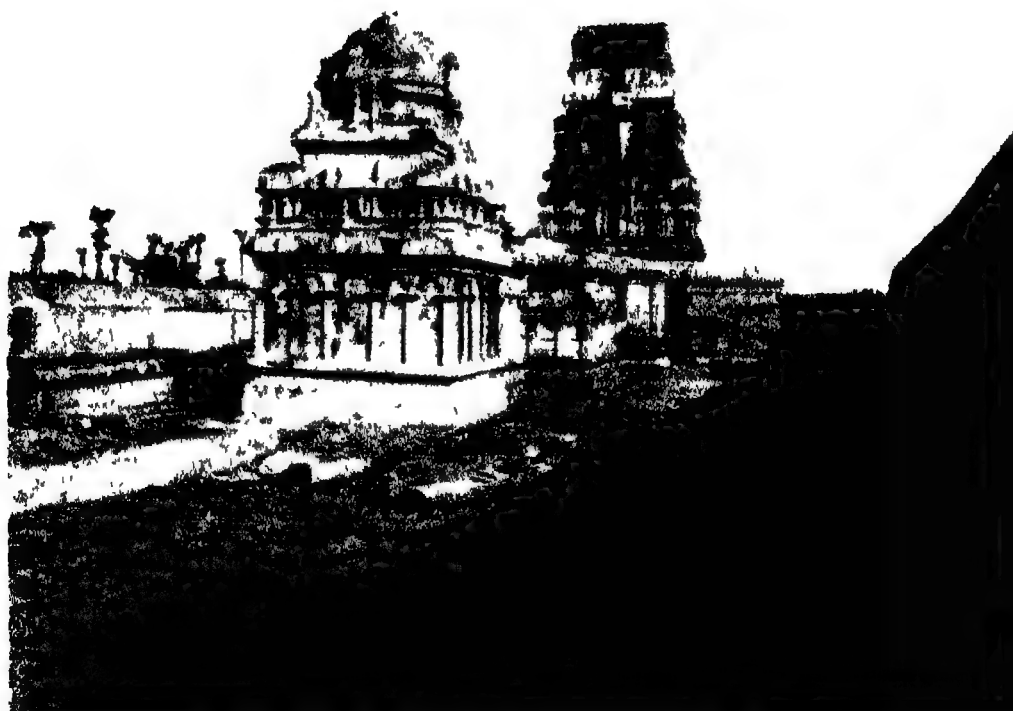
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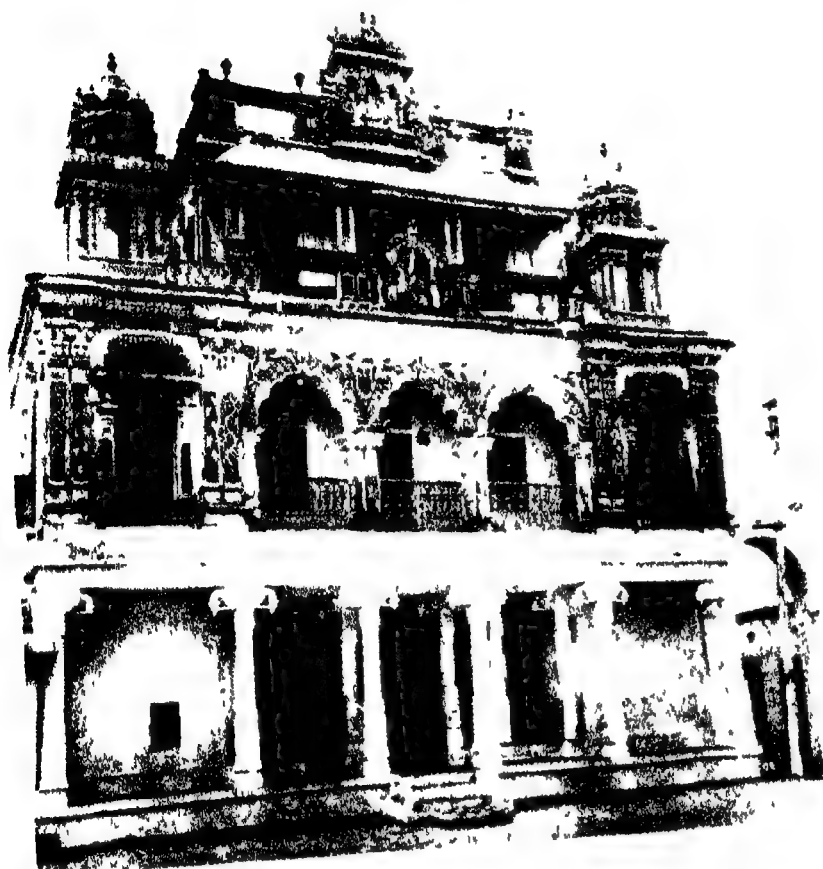


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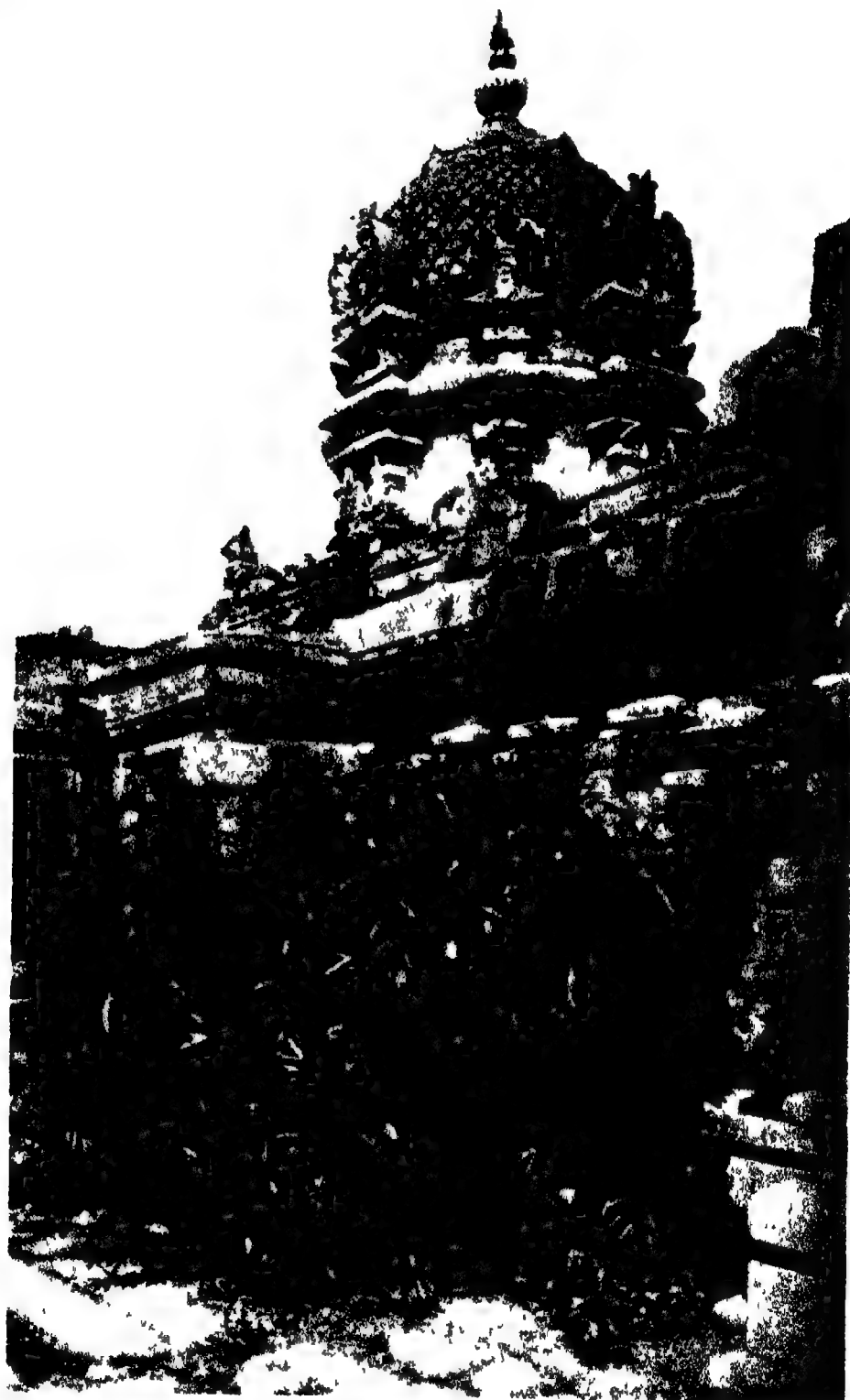
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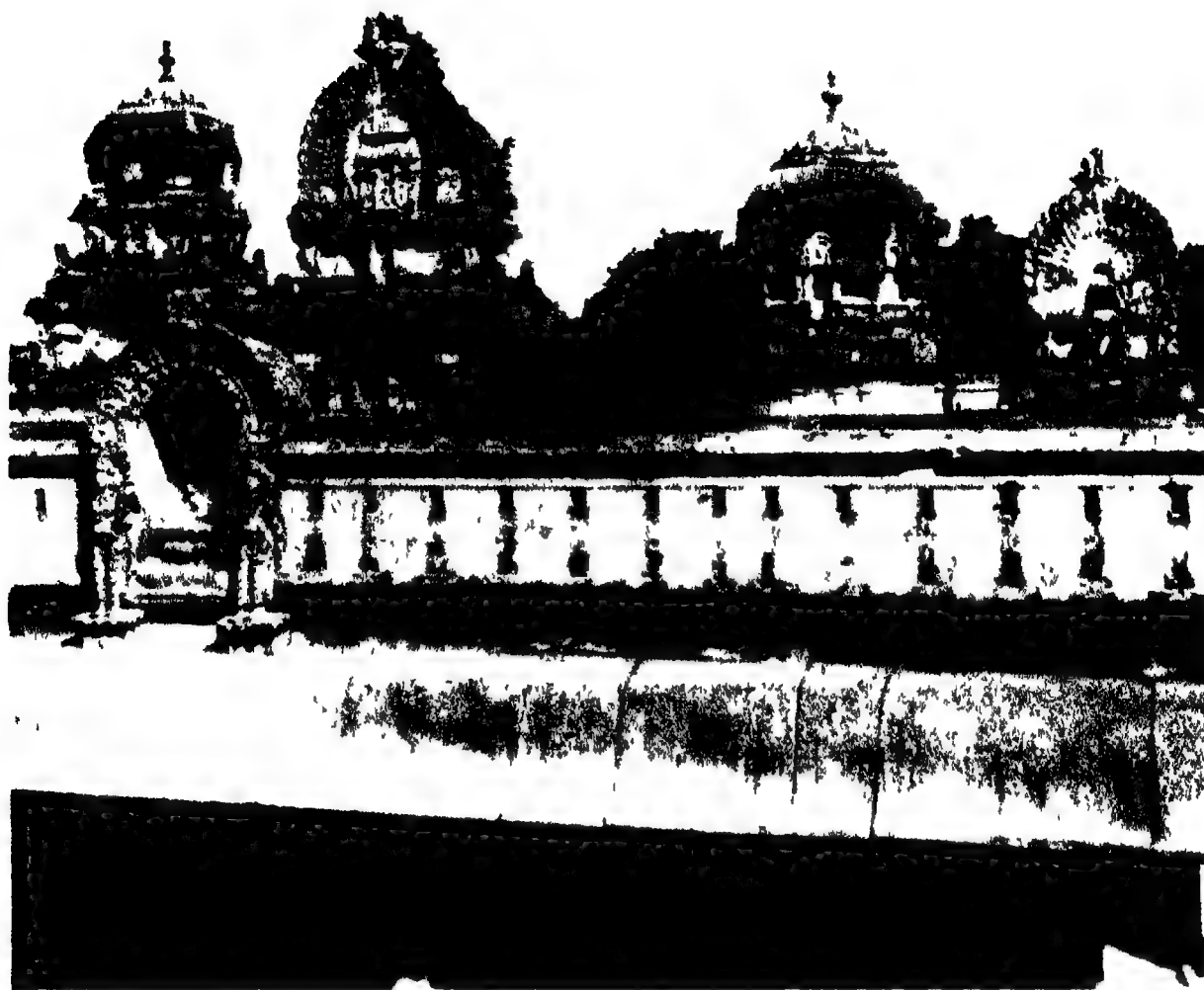
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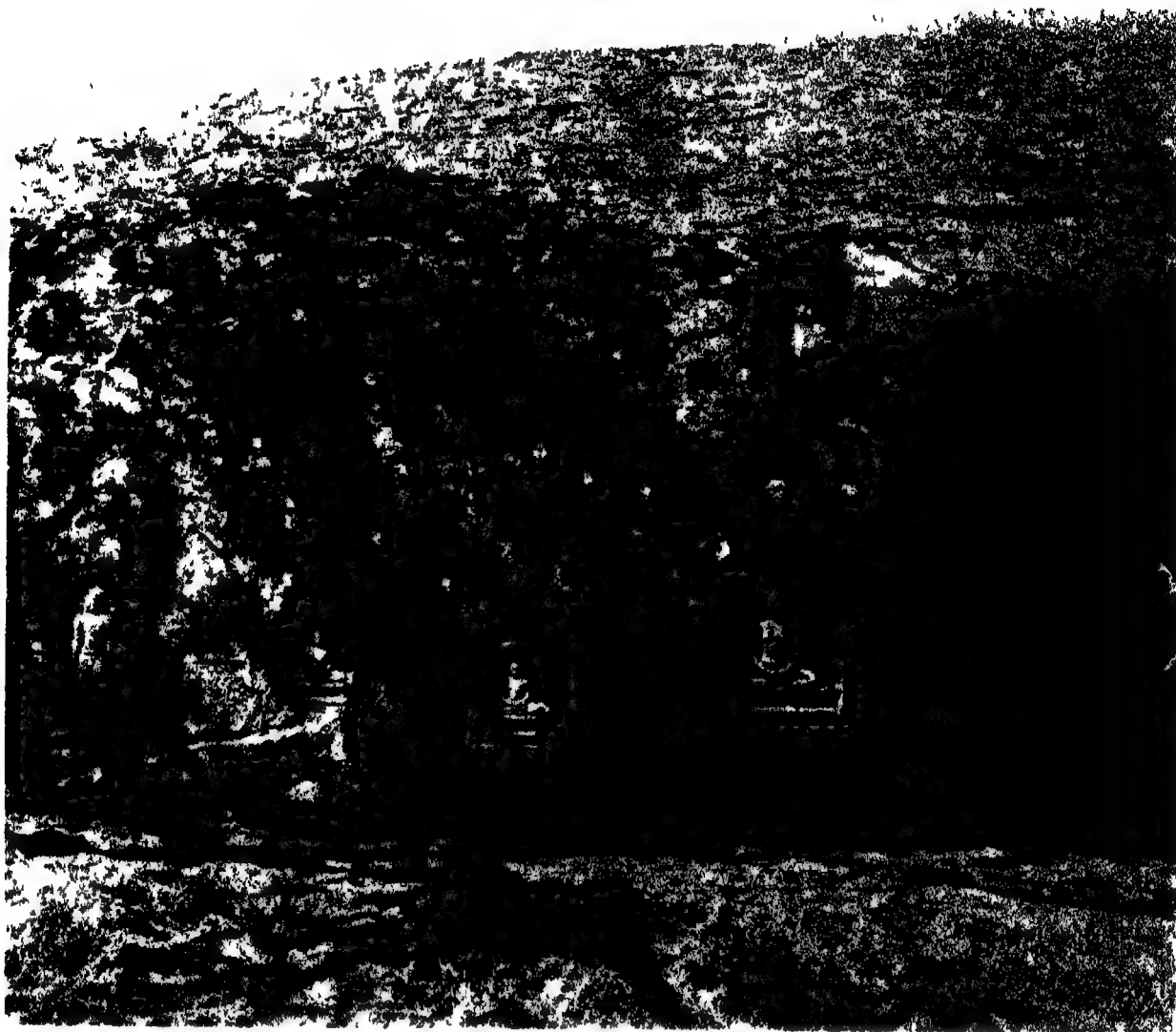


556 Main shrine of
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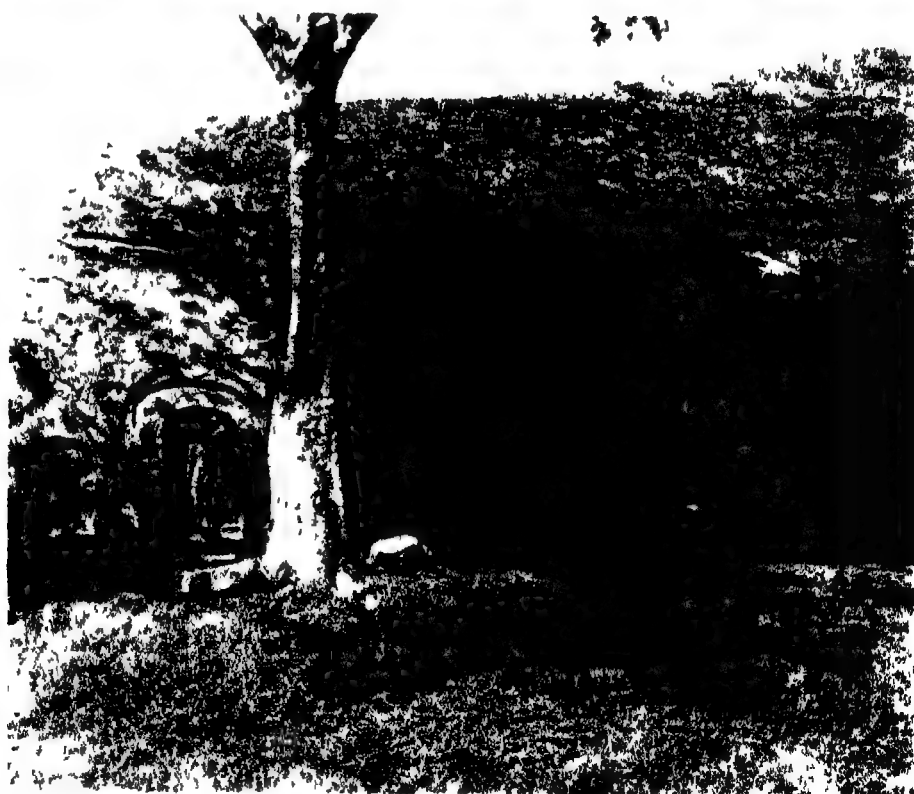


557. View of *vimānas* of
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558. Jain sculptures
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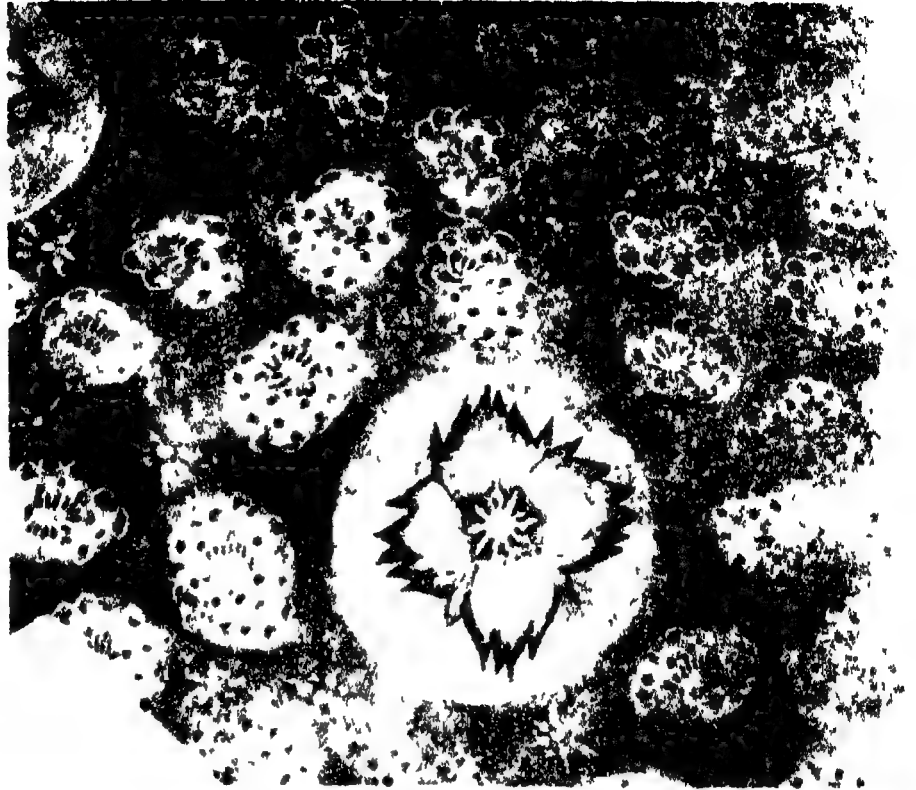
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562 Decorative pattern
with lotus prominent
Pallava, 7th century A D ,
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563 Īśana *dīpāla* on bull
Pallava, 7th-8th century
A D , Ārmāmalai





564. South-east view of the
Jaina temple, Pālgāt,
Mālābar district

GLOSSARY

(Technical terms of art and architecture and some relevant words)

A

abhaya Hand showing protection from any fear

Abhulashutārtha-chintāmani
An encyclopaedic work by
Someśvara II, the Western
Chālukyan king

Abhinandana or
Abhinandanānātha Fourth
I, c monkey, b
Ayodhyā, n
Sametaśikhara

āchārya A learned master

adbhuta One of the nine
flavours, representing
wonder

adhusthāna Basement, the
lowest portion of a building
or a column

Ādinātha First I, c bull
b Vinitanagara, n
Kailasa, alias Rishabha,
Rishabhanātha,
Rishabhadeva, son of
Nabhirāja and Marudevi,
husband of Sumangalā and
Sunandā, father of
Bharata, Bāhubali 98
other sons and two
daughters Brāhmī and
Sundari

Ajita Y of the ninth T, v
tortoise, o rosary, *varada*,
śaku, fruit

Ajītā Yī of the eighteenth
T, v swan, o serpent,
deer, thunderbolt, *varada*,
alias Tārāvalī

Ajitanātha Second T, c
elephant, b Ayodhyā, n
Sametaśikhara

akkana Sister's, a Kannada
word, name of a *basadi* at
Śravanabelagola

alapadma Hand indicating
wonder

Alasakanyā Carving of
nymphs and damsels
moving at ease

Alūpādevī Name of the
wife of Nolamba Governor
Irungola II

Ambā Yī of twentysecond
T, v lion, with sons
Priyankara and
Śubhankara, seated under
mango tree, alias Ambikā,
Āmrā, Kūshmāndinī,
Dharmādevī, etc

Ambikā See Amba

Anantamati Yī of the
fourteenth T, v swan, o
bow fruit arrow, *varada*

Anantanātha Fourteenth
I, c porcupine (falcon,
bear), b Ayodhyā, n
Sametaśikhara

anga Division and twelve of
preaching of a T

aṅjali Joining the palms in
adoration

Aparājītā Yī of the
nineteenth T, v *śarabha*,
o shield, fruit, sword,
varada

Apsidal Semi-circular
temple, also see
gajapriṣṭhākāra vimāna

aramane Palace in
Kannada

Aranātha Eighteenth T, c
fish (*tagara*-flower,
nandyāvarta), b Gajapura,
n Sametaśikhara, also
bearing the epithets
Chakravartin and
Kāmadeva

ardha-mandapa Vestibule
or porch

Arishtanemi See

Neminātha

artha Worldly prosperity,
the second of the four ends
of human existence,
purushārthas, the other
being *dharma*, *kāma* and
moksha

āsechanaka One that is so
alluring that even constant
looking does not satisfy

ashta-mangalas A set of
eight lucky things

Asoka Famous Maurya
emperor, 274 B C to 232
B C grandson of
Chandragupta

Asura A demon

audvaumānushya
Exceeding double human
size

āyāgapatta Tablet of
homage with carvings of
Jaina figures, auspicious
symbols etc in relief

B

Bāhubali Son of Ādinātha
and Sunandā, brother of
Sundari, step brother of
ninety-nine brothers
including Bharata and of
Brāhmī His famous
sculpture is at
Śravanabelagola

Bahurūpīnī Yī of the
twentieth T, v black
serpent, o shield, fruit,
sword, *varada*

Baladeva Last of the nine
Balabhadras and elder
brother of Śrīkrishna

Bahāh A sculptor, c 1196

A D, probably the same as
Baleya from Somanāthapur

basadi Jaina temple in
Kannada

ABBREVIATIONS

- b.** Place of birth
- c** Cognizance or
lāñchhana
- l.** Left hand/hands
- l.l.** Lower left hand/hands
- l r** Lower right
hand/hands
- n** Place of *nirvāna*
- o.** Objects held in and/or
posture/postures of
hands
- r** Right hand/hands
- Skt.** Sanskrit
- T** Tirthankara/
Tirthankaras
- u.l.** Upper left
hand/hands
- u.r.** Upper right
hand/hands
- v.** Vehicle or *vāhana*
- Y** Yaksha
- Yi.** Yakshi

Basava See Lingāyata

Betana See Pergade Beta

bhadra A type of moulding in architecture

Bhadrabāhu A Jaina *āchārya* who spread Jainism in South where he migrated with a number of disciples and Chandragupta

Bhagavān (Skt *bhagavat*) glorious, a holy one

Bhāgavata One of the Hindū *purāṇas*

Bharata Son of Ādinātha and Sumaṅgalā, elder brother of Brāhmī and ninety-eight brothers, his step-brother and sister were Bāhubali and Sundari, first of twenty-four Chakravartins

bhavya A soul, according to Jaina metaphysics, with capacity for emancipation

bherunda A terrible bird

Bhikṣhātana-mūrti Śiva as wandering beggar seeking alms

Bhoja Celebrated king of Mālva with capital of Dhārā, in the 11th century, patronized Sanskrit learning, himself, a polymath, having written several works like *Sarasvatī-kanthābharana*, *Śṛṅgāra-prakāśa* etc

Bhrikuti Y of the twenty-first T, v Nandin (bull), o shield, sword bow, arrow, goad, lotus, wheel, *varada*, four-headed

bhujangatrāsita Scared by snake

bhūta Dwarfish elf-like followers in Śaiva retenue, according to Jaina cosmology, it is seventh of the eight classes of peripatetic or Vyantara gods, having habitation like nomads, at various places in the middle world

bībhatsa The sentiment of disgust, one of the nine *rasas* or flavours

Bīmadevī Queen of the Vijayanagara king Devarāya I and the fervent disciple of an Abhinava-Chārukīrti-Panditāchārya

bimba An image

bodhikā Top part of capital about the abacus or *phalaka*

Bodhisattva A Buddhist god on the way to the attainment of perfect knowledge

Bomma A sculptor, c 1196 A D, probably the same as Bamaya from Somanāthapur

Brahma Y of the tenth T, v white lotus, o r bow, stick, shield, thunderbolt, 1 arrow, axe sword, *varada*, four-headed

Brahma-Jinālaya A temple for a Jina or Tirthankara but known for the image of Brahma-yaksha

Brāhmana The first of the four castes

Brahma-sūtra A book of the aphorisms of the Vedānta philosophy by Bādarāyana

Brāhmī The earliest script in India between 4th century B C to 5th century A D First of the two daughters of Ādinātha

Buddha The enlightened one, founder of Buddhism, born at Kapilavastu in 540 B C, contemporary of Mahāvira

Caryatid An architectural term of a human or animal figure supporting the roof

Chakreśvarī Yī of the first T, v lotus or eagle, o two thunderbolts, eight wheels,

fruit (r), *varada* (l), two wheels, citron, *varada*

Chāmaya A sculptor, c 1196 A D, from Somanāthapur

Chāmundā Yī, of the twenty-first T, v crocodile, o stick, shield, rosary, sword, alias Chāmundī

Chāmunda-rāya Well known Prime Minister and army chief of the Western Ganga king Mārasimha, 10th century A D, was responsible for the famous monolith of Bāhubali at Śṛavanabelagola

Chāmundī See Chāmundā

Chandragupta Famous Mauryan emperor, c 317 B C to 298 B C, who was established on the throne by Chānakyā who wrote the Kautiliyā *Arthaśāstra*, accompanied Bhadrabāhu to the South where he passed away Also see Bhadrabāhu

Channa-keśava Meaning in Kannada beautiful Vṛṣṇu, the deity of a Hoysala temple at Belūr in Karnātaka

chāpākāra Curvilinear as a bow

Chārukīrti A Bhattāraka of the pontifical seat at Śṛavanabelagola and Moodbidri

charyā A Jaina monk's going for *bhikṣhā* (food) offered to him, every ascetic follows this discipline

Chaturmukha Y of the thirteenth T, v peacock, o hatchet, sword, rosary, precious stone, shield, stick, *varada*, *abhaya* (?), four-headed, alias Shanmukha

chaturmukha See *chaumukha*

chaturvimsatukā A set of

twenty-four T, so arranged that one is a central figure

chatuṣṣimhāsana Four centres of learning

Chaudiah A sculptor, c 1196 A D, probably the same as Chaudeya from Somanāthapur

chaumukha Four-faced, same as *sarvatobhadra*, showing on four sides four T

chaurī Fly-whisk, Skt *chāmara*, made from the hushy tail of the deer *chamara*

Chavana A son of Dāsoja, sculptor of at least three images for the Channa-keśava temple, Belūr 1120 A D

chikka Means small or young in Kannada

Chikka Hampa The sculptor of at least one image for the Channa-keśava temple at Belūr, 1120 A D

Chitra-sūtra Treatise of painting on the technique and appreciation of the *Vishnudharmottara*

Dakṣhiṇāvarta Dextral curl turning clock-wise

danda rod

Dāsoja A sculptor responsible for at least three sculptures in the Hoysala Channa-keśava temple at Belūr, his name, Dāsoja of Ballīgrama (Belagamme) is inscribed at various places below the screen-panel of the Chandragupta *basadi* at Śṛavanabelagola

Deccan Means *dakshina*

deva celestial beings

deva-koshītha Niche for containing an image on the outer wall of the temple

Devālaya-chakravartin

Greatest of the temples, literally emperor among temples

dhammulla Ornamental feminine braid

Dharana See *Dharanendra*

Dharanendra Y of the twenty-third T, v tortoise, o u r Vāsuki, (king cobra), u l Vāsuki, l r *varada*, l l noose comprised of serpents, with Vāsuki canopying him, alias *Dharana*, regarded with *Padmāvatī* as having protected *Pārśvanātha* from the *upasarga* created by *Meghamālīn*, also see *Kamatha*, *Padmāvatī* and *Pārśvanātha*

dharma-chakra Spread of virtue in the world through the moving religious wheel, it is one of the eight *prātihāryas* of the Tirthankara and goes on moving ahead of him and is shown in art on his seat

Dharmādevī See *Ambā*

Dharmanātha Fifteenth T, c thunderbolt, b *Ratnapurī*, n *Sametaśikhara*

Dhavalā The Skt commentary, 894 A D, by *Āchārya Vīrasena* on *Shatkhandāgama*, a *Prākṛit* Jaina scripture by *Āchārya Dharasena* of the first century A D

Dhenuka A demon killed by *Balarāma*

dhvaja-stambha Flag-staff, a free-standing pillar erected in front of a temple and decorated atop with a flag

Dhvanyāloka A text on rhetoric of *Ānandavardhana*, around 850 A D, giving the significance of *dhvani* to suggest its sense

Digambara One who has only the direction for his clothing, one of the two

principle sects of Jainas, the other being *Svetāmbara*, white-clad

Dikpāla Regent for a cardinal point, eight in all

dodda Larger or elder, in Kannada

dvārapāla Door keeper

G
gajapṛishthākāra (*kṛit*)
vimāna Apsidal shrine

gajavṛishabha Sculpture where elephant and bull are so fused as to create the effect of pun

Gāndhārī Yī of the twelfth T, v crocodile, o lotus, pestle, lotus, *varada* Tenth *Vidyādevī*

Gandharva Y of the seventeenth T, v bird, o u r serpent, u l noose, l r arrow, l l bow

Gangā The river *Gangā*, shown in sculpture as a celestial nymph with crocodile as her vehicle, usually on the right door jamb of temple

garbhagriha Central shrine for the main deity

Garuda Y of the sixteenth T, v boar, o u r hatchet, u l rosary, l r fruit, with his head tilted, alias *Kimpurusha*

Gaurī Yī of the eleventh T, v deer, o mallet, lotus, pitcher, *varada* Ninth *Vidyādevī*

Gautama The Buddha Also the name of *Indrabhūti*, one of the *Ganadhara*s of *Mahāvīra*

ghatukā University

Gomeda Y of the twenty-second T, v man, o mace, axe, stick, fruit, thunderbolt, *varada*, three-headed, alias *Gomedha* and *Sarvāhna*

Gommata An epithet of

Bāhubali, the second son of *Ādinātha*

Gommateśvara An epithet of *Bāhubali*, the second son of *Ādinātha*

Gomukha Y of the first T, v bull, o u r hatchet, u l rosary, l r fruit, l l *varada*, bearing *dharmachakra* on his bull-faced head

gopura Imposing gateway of a temple

Grantha A script prevailing in the Deccan around the sixth century A D

I
Indrabhūti A *Ganadhara* of *Mahāvīra*, also known as *Gautama*

Indrasabhā Name of the Jaina cave 31, Ellora

Īśvara Y of the eleventh T, v bull, o r rosary, fruit, l trident, stick, three-eyed

J
Jaina One of the earliest religions of India named after *Jina* or *T* who preaches it

jatā Matted hair

Jātakas Stories of the Buddha's former births

Jayā Yī of the seventeenth T, v black boar, o wheel, conch, sword, *varada*, alias *Vijayā*

Jayadhavalā The Skt commentary, c 894 A D by *Āchārya Vīrasena* on *Kashāya-pāhuda*, a *Prākṛit* Jaina scripture by *Āchārya Gunadhara* of the 1st century B C

Jvālāmālīnī Yī of the eighth T, v boar, o wheel, bow, noose, leather, trident, arrow, fish, sword, alias *Jvālīnī*

Jvālīnī See *Jvālāmālīnī* Eleventh *Vidyādevī*

K
Kailāsa Peak of the *Himālaya* The place of

nirvāna of *Ādinātha*

kalāśa Architectural mould of pitcher below pillar capital Cognizance of *Mallinātha*

Kālī Yī of the seventh T, v bull, o bell, fruit, pike, *varada* Seventh *Vidyādevī*

Kālidāsa Celebrated Skt poet and dramatist whose exact date is not clear May be any time from 1st century B C to 4th century A D

Kalpavāsī-devas Celestial ones residing in the sixteen *kalpavimānas* or heavens in the third or upper world

Kāma Cupid According to *Hindū* mythology, Lord of love armed with a sugar-cane bow with sting of bees and five flowery arrows, friend of *Vasanta* and burnt by *Śiva* for disturbing his penance In Jaina mythology he is extremely handsome and is reckoned as twenty-four

Kāmadeva See *Kāma*

Kamatha *Meghamālīn* and malevolent as *Kamatha* he attacked *T Pārśvanātha* who was protected by *Dharanendra* and *Padmāvatī*

kanthāślesha Embrace on the neck

karuna One of the nine *rasas* indicating compassion and sorrow

kattale Kannada word for dark

Kaustubha Name of a celestial gem that rose from the milky sea and worn by *Vishnu*

kāyotsarga Standing erect in meditation with hands hanging, many T are shown in the position

Kenchā Malliyanna The sculptor of at least one image for the *Channa-keśava* temple, *Belūr*, 1120 A D

Kendra See **Khendra**.

kevala-jñāna Omniscience

kevala-jñānin One with the omniscience

Khadgavarā Yī of the fifth T, v elephant, o thunderbolt, fruit, wheel, *varada*, alias Purushadattikā and Purushadattā

khāṭkā-bhūmi Region of water, second of the seven circular regions within the Samavasaraṇa where T occupies the centre

Khendra Y of the eighteenth T, v conch, o r arrow, lotus, fruit, garland, rosary, stick, l bow, thunderbolt, noose, mallet, goad, *varada*, six-headed, three-eyed, alias **Kendra**

Kimpurusha See **Garuda**

Kinnara Y of the fifteenth T, v fish, o r mallet, rosary, *varada*, l wheel, thunderbolt, goad, three-headed

kīrtmukha Monumental face, lion-like head constituting an art-design of architectural significance

krūṣi-kantha Putrid neck

Kṛṣṇa Viṣṇu in his eighth incarnation, son of Vasudeva and Devakī and brought up by Nanda and Yaśodā according to Hīndū mythology and ninth of the nine Nārāyaṇas so one of the sixty-three Śalākāpuruṣas, a cousin of the twenty-second T Neminātha according to Jaina mythology

Kubera Y of the nineteenth T, v elephant, o arrow, bow, stick, lotus, sword, hatchet, noose, *varada*, the regent of the northern quarter, the god of riches and treasure, according to Hīndū mythology

kūdu Architectural word in Tamil, same as *chantya* window

Kumāra Y of the twelfth T, v swan, o r bow, mongoose, fruit, l arrow, mace, *varada*, three-headed

Kundavai Elder sister of the Chola emperor Rājārāja I, built at least three Jaina temples, one at Tirumalai hull being named after her as is known from the 1024 A D record there, and the others at Dādāpuram and Tirumalavāḍi

Kunthunātha Seventeenth T, c goat, b Gajapura, n Sametaśikhara, also bearing the epithets Chakravartin and Kāmadeva

Kusuma Y of the sixth T, v deer, o r shield, *abhaya*, l spear, mace, alias **Pushpa**

kūta Architectural term for a type of roof

L Lakṣmī Goddess of fortune, prosperity and beauty, regarded as the wife of Viṣṇu and anṣen from the milky sea according to Hīndū mythology Sixth of the six nymphs according to Jaina mythology

Lakṣmī mandapa A pavilion for Lakṣmī, etc

lalāta Lintel with carving of Lakṣmī, T, according to class of the temples

Lingāyata A form of Śaivism established by Basava in the twelfth century, with the followers distinguished by the *linga* or phallus worn hanging from their neck

Lohita A sculptor, c 1196 A D, from Somanāthapur

Lonasobhikā Name of a

woman mentioned in the inscription on an *āyāgapattā* from Mathurā, 1st century A D

M Madana Cupid or Kāma, also see **Kāma**

Madanakai Tamil word, connoting a theme of amorous damsel

Mahābhārata A famous Hīndū epic composed by Vyāsa

Mahābhāṣhya The commentary of Patañjali on the *Aṣṭādhyāyī* of Pāṇini

Mahākālī Yī of the ninth T, v tortoise, o thunderbolt, fruit, mallet, *varada* Eighth Vidyādevī

Mahāmānāsī Yī of the sixteenth T, v peacock, o wheel, fruit, arrow, *varada*, goad, arrow, lotus Sixteenth Vidyādevī

mahāmandapa The great hall usually adjacent to the main shrine

mahāpuruṣa Great personage, Jaina mythology counting them as the sixty-three Śalākā-puruṣas (twenty-four Tirthankaras, nine Nārāyaṇas, nine Prati-nārāyaṇas, nine Balabhadras, and twelve Chakravartins), nine Nāradas, eleven Rudras and twenty-four Kāmadevas

mahāpuruṣa-lakṣhaṇa Marks of great personage like T and Chakravartin

Mahāvīra Twenty-fourth and last T, c lion, b Kundalapura, n Pāvāpurī, alias, Vardhamāna, Vīra, Ativīra, Sanmati, Nātaputta etc, contemporary of Gautama Buddha, life-span from March 30 599 B C to October 15 527 B C

Mahāyakṣa Y of the

second T, v bull, o u r hatchet, u l rosary, l r fruit, l l *varada*, bearing *dharmachakra* on his bull-faced head

maitrī Benevolence of all living beings, first of the four virtues of a true Jaina, the others being *pramoda* or joy at the sight of virtuous, *kāruṇya* or compassion and sympathy for the afflicted and *mādhyaṣṭhya* or tolerance towards the insolent and ill-behaved

makara Alligator or crocodile, a motif variously represented in art, the cognizance of Pushpadanta, also see **Gangā**

makara-kundala Ear-ring in the shape of a crocodile

makara-torana An arch marked with or shaped like **makara** or crocodile

Mallamā Wife of Pergade Beta who built the Kadalāya *basadi māna-stambha*

Mallamādevī See **Mallamā**

Mallinātha Nineteenth T, c water-pot or pitcher, b Mithilā, n Sametaśikhara

Mallitama or Mallī A sculptor responsible for Somanāthapur temple and the Amṛteśvara temple at Amṛtपुरa (1196 A D), where his name occurs

Malliyana A sculptor of an image in Channa-keśava temple at Belūr, 1120 A D

Mānāsī Yī of fifteenth T, v tiger, o lotus, how, *varada*, goad, arrow, lotus Fifteenth Vidyādevī

māna-stambha Pillar proclaiming fame

Mānavī Yī of the tenth T, v black serpent, o fish, garland, citron, *varada* Twelfth Vidyādevī

mandapa A pavilion, open hall

Manumekalai One of the earliest Tamil literary works

Manogupti Yī of the sixth T , v horse, o shield, fruit, sword, *varada*, alias Manovegā

Manovegā See Manogupti

māra-dharshana Overcoming of *māra* by Buddha

Marana A sculptor from Somanāthapur, c 1196 A D

Marudevi Name of the mother of the first T Ādinātha

Masantimma A sculptor from Somanāthapur, 1196 A D

Masoda A sculptor that carved an image at Channa-késava temple, Belūr, 1120 A D

Mātanga(1) Y of the seventh T , v lion, o r stick, l pike, face tilted, alias Varanandin

Mātanga(2) Y of the twenty-fourth T , v elephant, o l *dharmachakra*, r *varada* or eagle

Māyādevi Name of the mother of the Buddha

Meghadūta Famous lyrical poem of Kālidāsa meaning cloud-messenger

Meguti (Megudī, melgutī, melguḍi) Kannada word meaning temple at the top, the temple at Aihole (Bijāpur district, Karṇāṭaka) where there is the famous inscription of the Western Chālukya king Pulakeśin II, composed by Ravikīrti, who compares himself with Kālidāsa and Bhāravi

Melguḍi See Meguti

Meru Mythical mountain encircled by four forests on the slopes, each having a

Jaina temple in each direction

muthuna An amorous couple

moksha-sādhana Means of attaining imancipation, e g right faith, right knowledge and right conduct

Muchilinda A snake that sheltered the Buddha

mugdhā A young girl attractive, youthful guileless, a variety of *nāyikā*

mukha-mandapa The pavilion in front of a temple

mukūṭa-yajñopavīta Sacred thread composed of pearls

Muktesvara Śiva, lord of even the emancipated

Munisuvrata Twentieth T , c tortoise, b Rājagriha, n Sametaśikhara, alias Munisuvratanaṭha, contemporary of Dāśarathi Rāma

N **Nāgarāja** Lord of the *nāgas*, Dharanendra

Nāgari Script developed from Brāhmi from 6th century onward and prevalent almost all over India

Nāgoja A sculptor in the Channa-keśava temple, Belūr, 1120 A D

Naminātha Twentyfirst T , c blue lotus or lily, b Mithulā, n Sametaśikhara, alias Nimi and Nimeśvara

Nandagopa Name of the husband of Yaśodā and foster-father of Krishna

Nandīśvara Eighth continent in the middle world of Jaina cosmography, here in the fifty-two *chaityālayas* or temples assemble *devas* to celebrate the eight-day function called

Āstāhnikā-parvan thrice a year

nandīvārita A symbol with nine points representing nine *nudhis* or treasures Cognizance of Supārśvanātha

Nanjiah A sculptor from Somanāthapur, c 1196 A D

Nara-Nārāyana Arjuna and Krishna where they were sages in a previous birth

nava-nārī-kuñjara An elephant composed of nine damsels to suggest its form

Neminātha Twenty-second T , o conch, b Sauripura, n Girinagara, alias Nemi, Arishtanemi, he renounced worldly life shocked by the sight of cattle to be sloughered for his marriage feast, while proceeding to marry Rajulamati, the daughter of Ugrasena, king of Girinagara, a popular theme in sculpture and literature and paintings

nidhi Treasure, nine in number

Nimeśvara See Naminātha

Nimi See Naminātha

P **pāda-svastika** Feet crossed in a posture almost like in *padmāsana*

Padma-nidhi Treasure of the lotuses

padma-pīṭha Lotus-seat

Padmaprabha Sixth T , c red lotus, b Kauśāmbī, n Sametaśikhara

padmāsana Lotus posture, with legs crossed and both soles visible

Padmāvatī Yī of the twenty-thurd T , v lotus placed on the peacock-serpent, o noose, conch, sword, goad, lotus, rosary, *varada*, canopied by

three-hooded cobra, also see Kamatha, Pārśvanātha, and Dharanendra

Padri Malloja A sculptor of an image for Channa-keśava temple, Belūr, 1120 A D

pādukā Pair of feet carved in sandal wood or stone, as object of worship

pallich-chhandam Tamil words meaning a gift to a *pallu*, i e Jain institution

Pañcha-kūta A type of Jain temple with a shrine at each of the four corners, in addition to the central one

pañcha-latā Five vertical divisions of door-jamb with designs and motifs

pañcha-nārī-turanga A horse composed of the forms of five damsels

pañjara Miniature niche from the wall of a temple

Pārśvanātha Twenty-third T , c serpent, b Vārānaśī, n Sametaśikhara, according to Śīlānkāchārya, (10th century A D) he renounced the worldly life just when he saw illustrations of Neminātha, also see Dharanendra, Padmāvatī and Kamatha

patākā Flag, banner

Pātāla Y of the fourteenth T , v crocodile, o r hunter, plough, fruit, l goad, pike, lotus, canopied by three-hooded cobra

Patañjali The celebrated Skt grammarian, c 150 B C , author of *Mahābhāshya*

Pavi-śrīnkhalā Yī of the fourth T , v swan, o noose comprised of serpents, big fruit, rosary, *varada*, alias Vajra-śrīnkhalā Third Vidyādevi

Peragade Beta Son of Dandādhinātha Vajja, minister of Kākatiya, husband of Mallamā

prabhā Halo of light, fourth of the eight *prāṭhāryas* of T

Prajñāpti Yi of the third T., v bird, o crescentic moon, hatchet, fruit, sword, arrow, *varada* Second Vidyādevī

prāṭhārya Insignia or the eight attending symbols of Tirthankara, e g Aśoka-tree, lion-seat, triple parasol, halo, transcendent preaching, heavenly shower of flowers, sixty-four Yakshas bearing fly-whisks and celestial drum-beaters

Pratishṭhāna The capital city of the Śātavāhanas, modern Paithan in Western India

pūrṇa-ghata Brimming pot

pūrṇa-kumbha Brimming pot

Purushadattā See Khadgavarā Sixth Vidyādevī

Pushpa See Kusuma

Pushpadanta Ninth T., c alligator, b Kākandīnagara, n Sametaśikhara, alias Suvidhinātha

pushpa-puta The two hands brought together to hold flowers for worship

R
rāja-lakshaka The carpenter in royal employ

Rāmāyana The first of the two epics with Mahābhārata, composed by Vālmiki, gives the life of Rāma and Sītā

riju Straight

Rijvāyata Perfectly straight

Rishabhadeva See Ādinātha

Rohini Yi of the second T., v *lohāsana* (iron seat), n conch, wheel, *abhaya*, *varada* First Vidyādevī

S
Śachi Name of the wife of an Indra

Śakata Name of a demon, slain by Krishna as a boy

śākhā An apartment

śālabhañjikā Damsel gathering flowers as a motif of art

sama-bhanga Straight standing posture

Samavasarana An auditorium, planned by Kubera on the order of Indra of Saudharma heaven, circular like a solar disk and spread over 12 *yojanas* where in the centre a T would give a sermon

Samyag-bodhi Perfect enlightenment of the Buddha

samyak-sambuddha Perfect enlightened (the Buddha)

sandamśa A thumb and pointing finger brought together for gathering flowers

sangīta-mandapa Musical hall

Śankara Name of the greatest Vedānta philosopher, c 778 A D –820 A D, author and commentator of a large number of works

śankhañḍi Treasure of the conch

Śānta Sentiment of peace, ninth and the last of the *rasas* or flavours

Śāntalā Name of the renowned Jaina queen of the Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana She built the Śāvati-gandhavāhana *basadi* at Śravanabelagola and the Śāntalādeviār *basadi* at Koppal

Śāntalādevī See Śāntalā

Śānta-rasa See Śānta

Śāntinātha Sixteenth T., c deer, b Gajapur, n Sametaśikhara, also bearing the epithets Chakravartin and Kāmadeva

śarabha A fabulous animal with eight legs, that attacks lions

Sarasvatī Personified preachings of the Arhats including the T more known as Śruta-devatā and represented in art in the form of sixteen Vidyādevīs

Sarvāhna See Gomeda

sarvatobhadra See chaumukha

sarvatobhadrikā See chaumukha

Śāsanadevatā Ys and Yīs, one pair associated with each T

Saubhari A sage mentioned in the Mahābhārata who by his penance in the river and long association with fish developed an affection for them

Saudharmendra Lord of heaven Saudharma first of the sixteen Kalpa-heavens in the third or upper world

Siddha One completely emancipated from bondage

Siddhārtha The prince who later became Buddha, also name of Mahāvira's father

Siddhāyikā Yi of the twentyfourth T., v lion, o book, *varada*, seated in *subhadra* pose, alias Siddhāyini, Siddha etc

Siddhāyini See Siddhāyikā

Śilappadikāram One of the earliest Tamil epics by Ilango Aḍigaḷ, a prince turned ascetic and the younger brother of Śenguttuvan

Śītanātha Tenth T., c śrīvṛksha (śrīvatsa), b

Bhadrapura, n Sametaśikhara

Śramana A Skt word used categorically for the Jaina and Buddhist cultures

śreshṭha The best

Śreyāmsanātha Eleventh T., c rhinoceros, b Simhapura, n Sametaśikhara

śringāra A sentiment of love, first of the nine *rasas*

śrīvatsa Meaning a symbolic mark on the chest of Vishnu, T and Buddha as a *mahāpurusha-lakshana*

śrīvṛksha Bilva tree The cognizance of Śītanātha

stūpa A bubble-shaped structure usually for encasing bodily relics of Buddhist and Jaina saints and Chakravartin

sukanāsā Literally meaning parrot's nose, a projection towards the front of *vimāna* of north Indian temples showing a large *chaitya* window

Sumatinātha Fifth T., c heron (wheel or curlew), b Ayodhyā, n Sametaśikhara

Sundarī Daughter of Ādinātha and Sunandā, sister of Bāhubali, step-sister of Bharata

Supārśvanātha Seventh T., c svastika (or *nandyāvarta*), b Vārānaśī, n Sametaśikhara, canopied by five-hooded cobra

Suvidhinātha See Pushpadanta

Śvetāmbara White-clad, one of the two principal sects of Jains

Śyāma Y of the eighth T., v pigeon, o axe, big fruit, rosary, *varada*, three-eyed, alias Vijaya

T
Tārāvati See Ajitā

Trimukha Y of the third
T , v peacock, o r wheel,
sword, goad, 1 stick,
trident, blade of scissors,
three-eyed, three-headed

Tumburu Y of the fifth T ,
v eagle, o u r serpent,
u l serpent, 1 r *varada*,
1 l fruit, surrounded by
serpents

V

Vajroti Yi of the
thirteenth T , v serpent, o
serpent, bow, serpent,
arrow, alias Vairoti
Thirteenth Vidyādevi

Vairoti *See* Vajroti

Vardhamāna *See* Mahāvira

Varuna Y of the twentieth
T , v bull, o r fruit,
varada, 1 sword, shield,
eight-headed, three-eyed,
having *jatās* as his crown,
heavy-bodied, regent of the
western quarter and of the
ocean

Vāsupūjya Twelfth T , c
buffalo, b Champāpurī, n
Champāpurī

Vatteluttu A cursive
variety of Tamil-Grantha
script

Vidyāsthāna University

Vijaya *See* Śyāma

Vijayā *See* Jayā

Vimalanātha Thirteenth
T , c boar, b
Kāmpilyapura, n
Sametaśikhara

vimāna Sanctuary
containing the central cell
in which the deity is
enshrined

Vīra The sentiment of
heroism, fifth of the nine
rasas

vīra-rasa *See* *vīra*

Y

Yakshēvara Y of the
fourth T , v elephant, o r
arrow, sword, 1 bow,
shield

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